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Clean Water Farms-WRAPS Project

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
FIELD ORGANIZER- Clean Water Farm Project**

The Kansas Rural Center is seeking a Field Organizer for its Clean Water Farm-WRAPS Project, preferably with an emphasis in grazing systems management and livestock waste management. The Field Organizer will assist farmers and ranchers in identifying water quality problems or potential problems by completing a self-environmental assessment and a whole farm action plan, and/or developing grazing management plans. The Field Organizer will also help producers develop cost-share applications for WRAPS funding to improve water quality on individual farms or ranches, and will work closely with state and federal conservation agencies and local WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) watersheds and other entities to help producers solve water quality or conservation problems. He or she will organize farm tours, trainings, and other educational events, and provide presentations and workshops. Each Field Organizer develops a specialty such as cropping systems, grazing management, or livestock waste management. Grant writing to make this part-time position a full time position and to further develop the project is an option.

Project Summary

The Clean Water Farm-WRAPS is a 15-year old project offering Kansas farmers and ranchers in selected WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) Watersheds around the state technical and financial assistance to conduct a farm environmental assessment, develop a whole farm plan to address water quality and other environmental problems on farm, and/or develop a grazing management plan for their farm or ranch. KRC offers one-on-one assistance or group workshops for the assessment, plus other educational workshops and farm tours to provide producers with practical information and examples of available, affordable management options for their farms and ranches. Training in use of materials and process specific to the project is provided.

Qualifications

We are looking for a self-starter with good people skills and ability to set priorities and carry through on their own. Also must be a team player. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Computer experience is necessary. Must have practical knowledge of farming. College degree a plus but not necessary, and background in agronomy, range science, animal sciences or other agricultural, natural resource management, or environmental science related field is helpful. Knowledge or education in grazing systems or management is a plus. Demonstrated interest in and commitment to sustainable agriculture is a must. Experience in grant writing and/or program development is a plus. Must be able to work flexible hours and have reliable transportation. Work will focus mostly in eastern Kansas south of I-70, and east central and central Kansas.

Terms of Employment

The KRC main office is located in Whiting, Ks., but strong consideration will be given to a home-based office for the right level of skills and experience. Office equipment and services can be provided. Travel expenses, sick leave and paid vacations, and retirement benefits are provided. Flexible hours; Part time (25 hours per week). Ideal for farmer looking for part-time off-farm work. Can develop into a full-time position for right person. Salary: Based on level of experience, starting from a base annual salary of \$32,000 and up, (or \$15.50 to \$18.40/hour)

Start Date: Negotiable, or by May 30, 2011. **Application Deadline:** April 22, 2011.

To Apply: Send letter of application, resume, writing sample and at least three references to: Mary Fund, KRC 304 Pratt Whiting Ks. 66552. For more information on the project and position, call 785-873-3431, or visit: www.kansasruralcenter.org.

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