Position Announcement – Outreach Coordinator Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)



The MOSES Outreach Coordinator is a full-time position based at the MOSES office in Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

Responsibilities include:

- Represent MOSES (set-up and staff booth) at farming shows, workshops, conference, Extension and government meetings, and other events in the Midwest region to raise awareness of organic farming opportunities, management strategies, and resources.
- Work on the *Help Wanted: Organic Farmers* program, including media outreach efforts, organic farming workshops and field days, giving presentations, and fundraising.
- Respond to requests for technical information and resources from farmers interested in making the transition to organic farming. Provide information on the phone, email and through correspondence.
- Work with high school, vocational agriculture, community college, and university level agriculture instructors in promoting organic agriculture.
- Write articles, resources and op-ed pieces.
- Assist with individual/business donor fundraising.
- Help with our annual Organic Farming Conference.
- Work with executive director and other staff to ensure the success and smooth operation of MOSES projects and events.

Desired qualifications:

- Knowledge of the organic community and the various organizations and agencies that serve it.
- Commitment to organic farming principles and understanding of USDA Organic rules.
- At least 5 years background with agricultural production, including row crops and livestock.
- Organic certification knowledge.
- Ability to organize and attend meetings, trade shows, conferences and travel on a regular basis.
- Outgoing, friendly personality and good rapport with farmers.
- Excellent communication skills including: writing, phone, in-person and listening.
- Strong computer skills: Microsoft word, Excel, internet/email, Power Point.
- Experience and comfort with media, press releases and being interviewed.
- Ability to give presentations on a variety of organic agriculture topics.
- Knowledge about farm polices and government agriculture programs.
- B.S. in Agriculture or equivalent experience.

Compensation: \$32,000 - \$36,000 depending on skill and experience. Includes a benefits package.

To apply, please mail (%Cathy Olyphant) or email (cathy@mosesorganic.org) cover letter and resume. Application deadline is mid-February, 2009 or until filled.

The mission of MOSES is to help agriculture make the transition to a sustainable organic system of farming that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just, through information, education, research and integrating the broader community into this effort.

MOSES is an equal opportunity provider.

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