

Expression of Interest

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Development Opportunity Placement Program (DOPP)

Opportunity Identification Number: ARS-08-DOPP-003

Opening Date: April 11, 2008

Closing Date: April 30, 2008

Position Title: Program Leader

Series & Grade: GS-0401-14/15, Detail Opportunity

Duty Location: ARS, National Program Staff (NPS)
Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems
5601 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD

Duration of Assignment: Approximately 60 Days
(Desired time period: June- July, 2008)

Basic Eligibility: The Development Opportunity Placement Program is open to all qualified current and full-time permanent USDA employees.

Note: This is an Expression of Interest, not a competitive vacancy announcement. Priority consideration will be given to eligible and qualified Class Agents under the Basu Settlement Agreement for the first eighteen (18) months of the program.

Who Is Eligible for Consideration

This Expression of Interest is limited to USDA permanent employees who meet the requirements described below under "Qualification Requirements."

Development Opportunity Assignment

The NPS, Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems (NRSAS), provides scientific and administrative oversight to 8 National Programs across the country. This assignment will provide the detailee with an overview of NPS operations and functions.

The incumbent serves with the Deputy Administrator, NRSAS and will provide assistance with administering National Programs. The incumbent will also be responsible for other assigned projects.

This assignment is expected to begin on or around: **June 1, 2008.**

Major Duties:

Duties will include organizing National Program stakeholder workshops, writing action plans, and helping with the development of action plans. Review of locations and interactions with scientists with research projects within NRSAS is an ongoing process. The incumbent must have a working knowledge of science and how the national program processes flow.

Qualification Requirements:

Must have knowledge, skills and abilities in scientific processes and/or experience conducting or leading research.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL APPLICANTS MUST MEET:

Submission Requirements (Incomplete packages will not be considered)

- Applicants should submit a CV.
- Most recent Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50).
- Most recent performance appraisal.
- Latest case write-up or similar documents that detail scientific accomplishments.
- A statement (no more than one page) of why the applicant wants to pursue the opportunity.
- Supervisor's approval required for participation in this EOI.
- Development Opportunity Placement Program Coversheet located on the ASCR website.

****Your submission must be received by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date of this Expression of Interest. Please submit your document to the following address:****

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of Human Capital Management
Attention: Carolyn Whitaker
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 333-W
Washington, DC 20250-1300
Fax (202) 720-2044

For more information

Please direct questions on the administrative process to Carolyn Whitaker at 202-720-6917 and questions regarding the nature of the assignment to Ellen Buckley, Program Analyst, NPS. The contact telephone number is 301-504-4785.

Information on Status, Benefits and Relocation Expenses

Travel expenses associated with the assignment will be reimbursed in accordance with applicable Government travel regulations.

Reasonable Accommodation Statement

USDA provides reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the submission process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

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