**New Jersey Farmland Preservation Stewardship Manager**

$80,000 - $90,000

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 45-19

**CLOSING DATE: January 16, 2020**

**Description**

The SADC seeks an experienced professional to serve as the Stewardship Manager who will oversee all requests for activities on, and monitoring of, preserved farms across the state of New Jersey to assure compliance with the State Farmland Preservation Program deed of easement. The successful candidate will be a creative thinker able to develop and implement strategies and programmatic initiatives, successfully manage staff and contractors, coordinate with government agencies and the public to ensure agricultural resources are protected, build positive relationships with preserved farmland landowners, maintain diligent records, coordinate the development of resource restoration plans and projects to address and resolve potential deed of easement violations.

Preferred candidates will possess knowledge of best practices related to farmland easement stewardship, demonstrate the ability to coordinate and oversee the stewardship program in accordance with the SADC’s goals and policies, supervise employees, contractors, and interns, advise on policy and programmatic initiatives and efficiencies, develop and implement education and outreach activities, maintain excellent interpersonal, writing, and organizational skills, the ability to communicate and work effectively with a broad range of stakeholders, have the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously while maintaining attention to detail and be proficient with Microsoft Office suite.

**Requirements**

Education:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in natural science (including but not limited to agricultural science, soil science, earth science, biology, etc.); natural resource management, environmental science, environmental planning/design, forestry or land use planning; or related field.

OR

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree including or supplemented by eighteen (18) semester hour credits in one or any combination of the following: agricultural science, natural resource management, environmental science, environmental planning, or land use planning (including but not limited to agricultural science, soil science, earth science, biology, etc.) or related field.

**Experience**

Preferred candidates will have

A minimum of five (5) years of experience successfully supervising full time staff, contractors and/or interns.

AND

A minimum of four (4) years of direct experience in preserved farmland and/or open space management with a public or private entity; or

A minimum of five (5) years of direct experience in natural lands management; or

A minimum of five (5) years of direct experience in, and in-depth knowledge of, farming and ranching practices and natural resource management; or

A combination of the above listed experience.

Applicants should submit a cover letter with announcement number, resume, and college transcripts by the closing date to: Heather Knox, Personnel Assistant 2, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Office of Human Resources, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625 or njdajobs@ag.nj.gov.

NOTE: All college degrees (both U.S. and non-U.S.) and/or transcripts from a college or university must already be evaluated for accreditation by the closing date of posting.

LICENSE: Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey.

RESIDENCY LAW: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act," requires selected candidate to maintain their principal residence in the State of New Jersey within one year from the date of employment.

\*\* AUTHORIZATION TO WORK: Selected candidate must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations. Note: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for permanent residency to the United States or work visa.

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