Position Announcement
Green Lands, Blue Waters Director

Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture &
Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics
College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
University of Minnesota

Position: Director, 100% time, 12-month Academic Professional/Administrative
Requisition number: 166334

Closing Date: Applicants will be reviewed starting June 28, 2010, continuing until a
suitable candidate is identified.

Location MISA/Dept. of Agronomy and Plant Genetics
College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108

Responsibilities:
This position will coordinate the activities for the overall multi-state Green Lands, Blue
Waters initiative and the Consortium Steering Committee. This person will work directly
with Consortium members and five working groups, oversee the development and
submission of funding proposals, represent the initiative at meetings, manage
communications across six states in the upper Midwest and the Gulf Coast, and develop
presentation and communication materials. Some travel will be required.

Background:
The Green Lands, Blue Waters initiative is a consortium of land grant universities, non-
governmental organizations and governmental agencies to support development of and
transition to a new generation of agricultural systems in the Mississippi River Basin that
integrate more perennial plants and other continuous living cover into the agricultural
landscape. The initiative is currently active in six states in the upper Midwest and the
Gulf Coast. It operates at multiple scales of watershed, state and basin levels. The
primary objective is to develop and promote profitable enterprises based on the products
of continuous living cover systems. This will be done through education, outreach,
research, and policy development in conjunction with the project partners and
participants. More information about the GLBW initiative, including an overall strategic
plan and working group strategies, can be found at: www.greenlandsbluewaters.org

This position is currently funded for one year with a second year of funding expected;
confirmation of the second year funding will be confirmed by mid summer.
**Qualifications:**
A masters degree in a related field of study; knowledge, familiarity and interest in conservation, agriculture and food systems and their ecological impacts and principles, practices and policies; 3 years experience in related fields.

Requirements include excellent oral and written communication, interpersonal relationship and computer skills. Must be self motivated and willing to work both independently and with interdisciplinary teams. Must be able and willing to travel.

**Desired Qualifications:** Grant proposal and public outreach writing experience. Experience with Communities of Practice, social networking, and/or community organizing, Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. Administrative experience working with diverse groups of farmers, agency staff, researchers and community-based organizations. Science or research experience with alternative agriculture, conservation efforts, markets for products that also result in ecosystem services, watershed or other social-environmental activities.

**Reportability:** This position will report to MISA's Executive Director.

**Salary:** Commensurate with background and level of experience.

**Application:** Submit a cover letter, resume, names and contact information of three references, and brief writing sample electronically on the U of MN web site (www.umn.edu/ohr/employment) by 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2010. Review of applications will begin on June 28 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

For further information, please contact Helene Murray, MISA Executive Director; hmurray@umn.edu, 612-625-0220.

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