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Position Announcement #4587

Position: Endowed Chair in Community Development, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

Location: Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, College of Agriculture, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Laramie is a university town with easy access to the Rocky Mountains and Front Range metropolitan areas. Located between two mountain ranges, the area offers outdoor recreation and cultural opportunities in conjunction with an academic setting. The University of Wyoming is a Carnegie I institution and the only public four-year institution of higher learning in the state. The University of Wyoming enjoys strong financial support; this position is part of a \$70 million endowment recently funded by the state to support distinguished professorships.

Department: The Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics has 12 faculty members and three academic professionals, including a number of recent hires. The department plays a key role in addressing economic issues that decision makers in the state and region face. The department's nationally recognized programs focus on using economic principles and analyses to assist decision makers at the family, firm, and community levels. The department offers BS and MS degree programs. Multi-disciplinary collaborations in research and teaching are encouraged. The department currently participates in several interdisciplinary degree programs, including those in Environment and Natural Resources and International Studies. Collaboration with the recently established School of Energy Resources is also anticipated. More information about the department can be found at our websites: <http://agecon.wyo.edu> and <http://agecon.wyo.edu/EconDev/default.htm>.

Description and Responsibilities: The department is seeking to fill a senior-level position in community economic development and natural resource policy, with emphasis on research, extension, and teaching. Fundamental to the focus of this position is an understanding of the relationship between community economic development, the region's natural resource base, and economic growth. The successful candidate will be expected to: 1) develop and maintain a nationally recognized research and teaching program in community economic development and natural resource policy; 2) communicate research results to both peer and public audiences, and 3) contribute to the department's instruction and outreach in community economic development. Expectations will be no more than two courses per year of classroom teaching. The position will require collaborative work with other units on campus; possible collaborators include the Haub School & Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources, the School of Energy Resources, the International Studies Program, the College of Business, the Public Administration Program, and the Geography Program. The salary will be competitive with other institutions.

Qualifications: *Required:* Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or equivalent degree with documented experience in regional economics, community economic development, and

natural resource policy. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of a strong research and extension program in the area of community economic development. Candidates must be tenureable at the associate or full professor level at the University of Wyoming. *Preferred:* Experience with community economic development related issues in Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain West. Expertise in GIS and geospatial analysis, the economics of industry location and site analysis, or community economic development implementation processes.

Application: A complete application will include the following: 1) a letter of interest describing skills relevant to the position; 2) a statement of research interests; 3) a statement of teaching philosophy; 4) a statement of extension/outreach philosophy; 5) a current vita; 6) names of three references (will not be contacted without applicant's permission); and 7) samples of recent publications. Evaluation of applications will begin March 1, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations will be gladly accepted. Please forward applications or nominations to (electronic applications *are* acceptable):

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