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UNCLASSIFIED JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

State Veterinarian

Nevada Department of Agriculture

Posted – September 10, 2019

Closes – November 1, 2019

RECRUITMENT OPEN TO:

This is an open competitive recruitment, open to all qualified applicants. This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA).

AGENCY OVERVIEW:

The mission of the NDA is to preserve, promote and protect Nevada Agriculture. The NDA includes the five divisions of Administration, Animal Industry, Consumer Equitability, Food and Nutrition and Plant Industry.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL SALARY:

Up to \$123,470 plus benefits * (*Salary range reflects retirement (PERS) contributions by both the employee and employer. An employer paid contribution plan is also available with a reduced gross salary.*)

BENEFITS:

The State benefits package includes a retirement system, paid health, vision, dental, life and disability insurance; 11 paid holidays, and paid sick and annual leave. Other employee paid benefits such as deferred compensation plans are available.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The state veterinarian serves under the direction of the Animal Industry administrator and works closely with the Director to develop and execute a strategic vision for public health and safety in Nevada. This position provides leadership, direction, and oversight of programs for the control and eradication of certain infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases of livestock. The state veterinarian also works collaboratively with county, state, federal and industry partners to provide public health and wildlife education and advisement and serves as the authority on all potential quarantine matters in Nevada.

The position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Director. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

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- Directing and supervising the administrative and technical activities of the animal disease laboratory and related programs
- Oversight and monitoring of animal health programs' revenue and expenditures
- Monitoring of current state and federal cooperative agreements and grants
- Frequent travel throughout the state, as well as periodic travel to out-of-state conferences and training

TO QUALIFY:

Applicants must be a graduate of a veterinary school or college approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association and have 5 years' experience in official work for regulating and controlling diseases in livestock (NRS 561.205); have knowledge of zoonotic diseases and ability to address public health concerns; knowledge and understanding of programs, statutes, and regulations relevant to animal disease prevention, testing, and diagnosis; have the ability to plan, organize and direct work of multi-disciplinary staff and integrate activities of diverse programs; have experience in implementing public awareness and education programs to facilitate outreach communication to both medical and non-medical groups; have experience in public speaking, must have the ability to interact with government agency representatives, industry association representatives, and the general public; have a working knowledge of Animal Disease Traceability (ADT).

LICENSE: Possession of a valid license to practice veterinary medicine as issued by the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners within six months of appointment.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please respond to the following questions and limit your response to one page per question. Responses should include timeframes; reference to specific regulation or statute, when applicable; and level of responsibility in each position as it relates to experience in the question.

1. Describe, in detail, your response as the Nevada state veterinarian, to a single unintentional introduction of classical swine fever in a swine operation
2. Describe your experience working with diverse livestock industry groups to build consensus regarding an unpopular or difficult problem (i.e.: Trichomonosis, ADT, or other serious issues.)
3. Describe your experience as a supervisor.
4. Describe your experience in writing and/or managing federal cooperative agreements, the budgeting process and any other financial management experience.

POSITION LOCATION: NDA headquarters is located in Sparks, Nevada. NDA will consider applications for NDA headquarters as well as offices in Elko, NV and Las Vegas, NV.

SELECTION PROCESS: To apply, applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, responses to the additional requirements above and five professional references. The required application materials must be received no later than Friday, November 1, 2019. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicant submittals will be reviewed to determine those with the most appropriate

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qualifications. Those individuals will be invited to Sparks for an interview at their own expense. Final selection will be made by the Director of the NDA.

SUBMITTALS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

SUBMIT COVER LETTER, RESUME, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS NOTED ABOVE AND FIVE PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES TO:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
Deputy Director Jerri Conrad
email to: jwilliams-conrad@agri.nv.gov

PLEASE REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING IN THE SUBJECT:
Last Name/State Veterinarian/How you heard about this position

The State of Nevada is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Hiring is done without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, preference may be given to veterans who qualify under state and federal laws and regulations.