Position # 0002-2581
Requisition # 506782

Classification Title: Regional Specialized Extension Agent II, III, or IV – Water Resources

Application deadline: 9 April 2018

Job Description:
The Florida Cooperative Extension Service is a partnership between state, federal, and county governments that provides quality, relevant education and research-based expertise to foster healthy people, a healthy environment, and a healthy economy. We are the resource that helps educate Floridians to address issues related to agriculture, natural resources, youth development, families and communities.

University of Florida/IFAS Extension seeks to fill a 12-month, permanent status-accruing Water Resources Regional Specialized Agent (RSA) position. The position is part of UF/IFAS Extension’s Southwest District (including Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties). The RSA is based at the UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (GCREC) teaching facility at Hillsborough Community College in Plant City, FL.

The regional focus of the position encompasses west-central Florida and its environs. The agent will be expected to develop a purposeful relationship with GCREC faculty, local county extension offices and governments, state agencies involved in water resource protection, and stakeholders to accomplish education and outreach activities of mutual interest.

As the RSA, your extension program will cover regionally-applicable water resource issues that are critical to economic development and environmental protection. Potential areas for extension programming include enhancing water conservation, improving agricultural water quality, water in the urban environment, land development, and protecting natural resources. You will exhibit responsiveness and resiliency in order to react to changing conditions that may occur with water issues.

As a regional extension agent, you will have expectations beyond those of a county extension agent. For example, you will:

- Support, train, and mentor county extension agents in water resource education.
- Provide regional educational workshops and programs to achieve a balance reflective of west-central Florida's population diversity and to address the unique educational needs of regional stakeholders.
- Collaborate with state extension specialists and other extension colleagues to conduct practical and applied research projects, engaging social scientists when appropriate.
Serve as project leader for extramural funding that supports and enhances the extension program.

Work with IFAS Extension's Water Initiative Team members and four Water Resource RSA colleagues located across Florida in a highly functional, complementary, and effective team.

Become an affiliate faculty with the UF Water Institute and participate in relevant Water Institute programs.

**Minimum requirements:**
The successful candidate will have a master’s degree from an accredited college or university in a water science or related field; for example, water resources engineering, soil and water science, agroecology, ecohydrology, or a similar area. A flexible schedule that allows for irregular hours is necessary. The candidate must be able to obtain a Florida driver’s license.

**Preferred qualifications:**
A Ph.D. degree is desirable. At least 5 years of land-grant university extension or equivalent educational programming experience is preferred. Expertise in getting groups to work together for a higher goal, managing competing priorities, and adaptability to handle unexpected situations is a plus for this role. You must be an effective written and verbal communicator, feel comfortable presenting in front of small and large crowds, and be able to establish solid partnerships.

**Further information:**
Extension is a partnership between state, federal, and county governments to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. As such, all partners are involved in the supervision of the office and contribute to the salary and support resources. The primary goal of Extension is to disseminate the latest knowledge and applicable technologies in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences in order to sustain and enhance the quality of human life. The UF/IFAS mission is accomplished through extension faculty members, scientists, educators, administrative staff, and volunteers working cohesively throughout Florida’s 67 counties.

**Application Instructions**
Apply through the online UF application system at [http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506782](http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506782), and attach your Resume or CV, as well as a cover letter that describes how your experience and qualifications have prepared you for this position. Applications must be submitted by 11:55 p.m. (Eastern) of the posting end date.

**TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

You must submit unofficial copies of all transcripts and/or coursework of your academic degrees. You may attach these as an "other" document, or you may submit to our office as directed below. An unofficial copy is acceptable for the application process, but before you can
be hired, IFAS Human Resources must have the official transcript for your highest degree on file.

Also, all applicants must have at least three reference rating forms on file. Reference forms must be less than one year old. If you have not already done so, please contact your professional/academic references and ask that they complete a reference rating form on your behalf. The form is located at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/ref_form.pdf.

Please also complete and submit the Previous Employment Form (located at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/prev_employment.pdf).

With the exception of official transcripts, all items submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than the next business day after the position closing date. All documents submitted by fax or email must be received no later than the next business day. If your official transcripts will arrive after the closing date, you must also submit unofficial transcripts by the deadline.

Requested reference forms and transcripts should be submitted to:

Ms. Dana LeCuyer  
UF IFAS Human Resources  
Faculty Recruitment and Hiring  
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Gainesville, FL 32611-0281  
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Final candidate will be required to provide official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at http://www.naces.org/.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida’s ‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.