POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #0001-3878

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR –SOIL AND WATER QUALITY

Location: GULF COAST RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS) 14625 CR 672 WIMAUMA, FL 33598

Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open To: Formal review of applications will begin on January 15, 2007 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and available at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Soil and Water Science Department (SWSD). The position offers opportunities to pursue research and extension activities in urban landscape nutrient management and remediation, and research opportunities in the area of emerging contaminants in urban landscape environments. This position is responsible for providing leadership for research program development and involvement in statewide educational programs for landscape management professionals and is expected to interact closely with county and multi-county extension horticulture agents working with residential and commercial landscape professionals. Research and extension publications and demonstrations are important outputs of this position.

Primary research responsibilities will be related directly to soil-plant-water relationships for residential and commercial landscape management practices. Emphasis of the research program will be in the area of nutrient management and other emerging contaminants to minimize water quality degradation (surface and subsurface) in an urban environment. Excellent opportunities exist to develop other collaborative programs related to urban landscape management ecology. Active participation as an affiliated faculty member of the Center for Landscape Ecology and Conservation would be expected. The faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with their graduate students. The incumbent will have opportunities to participate in the distance education graduate program in the SWSD. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.
**QUALIFICATIONS:** An earned doctorate in soil and water science, environmental horticulture, plant ecology, or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system with a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The University of Florida’s Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (GCREC) is a new $16 million regional research center located near Wimauma, southeast of Tampa, FL. Research and extension programs focus on vegetable, strawberry, and environmental horticulture (landscape and flowering ornamentals). Excellent facilities including office, laboratory, field and greenhouse space are provided for 20 faculty, support staff and graduate students. A plant diagnostic laboratory aids county extension faculty and local growers in determining disease and nutrition problems and solutions. The University of Florida (UF) is a Land-Grant and Sea Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of over 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida’s 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe.

**EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS:**
This position is available January 15, 2007, and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

**NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS:**
Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee. Individuals wishing to apply should submit the following materials: (1) A letter of application discussing career goals and satisfaction of the stated qualifications; (2) A detailed curriculum vitae; (3) Official academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the Institution to the address below); and (4) Three (3) letters of recommendation (letters must be sent directly from the person writing the recommendation to the address below). All of the above items must be postmarked by the closing date of January 15, 2007. **Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.**

**Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information:**

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