Position # 0001-4168  
County Extension Director – Rank III or IV  
Hillsborough County (South Central District)  
Deadline: Review of application materials will begin on Jan. 15, 2007, and will continue until position is filled  

A self-starting, energetic, team-oriented individual is desired as the County Extension Director (CED) in Hillsborough County, FL to manage the largest Extension office in Florida. The CED is responsible for management, supervision, coordination and leadership of the total Extension Program and a staff of 44 people. This includes maintaining effective working relationships with faculty/staff, Extension Administration, County Government, community leaders, private sector clientele, media, related agencies and the general public. The CED supervises and evaluates county faculty who program in various subject matters such as: agriculture, urban and commercial horticulture, 4-H, and family and consumer sciences. The CED also oversees clerical and county staff on site.

The CED will be expected to develop forward-looking educational programs with the help of a highly functioning Overall Advisory Committee to meet real community needs in a rapidly growing urban/rural setting. The successful applicant must exhibit competencies in customer service, finance, performance appraisals, advisory committees, coaching/mentoring, and team building, have excellent interpersonal communication skills, be competent in computer usage and have the ability to motivate, train and recruit people. The position requires a Masters Degree with a minimum of five years Extension or equivalent experience. Previous managerial experience is preferred.

The CED will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the District Extension Director and/or County Management and will be expected to work with agencies, organizations and other county departments to acquire grants (monetary/in-kind), assist/lead cooperative and interdisciplinary projects, provide service to schools, develop creative works (presentations, posters, website development, etc), write non-technical people-friendly publications, participate in professional societies and attain promotion and permanent status per state faculty guidelines.

Since this is a joint appointment, the individual will follow all policies relating to Hillsborough County and UF/IFAS Extension programs and personnel with particular emphasis on the program development process. The candidate must be willing to work irregular hours and some weekends and travel with a personal vehicle in/out of the county with occasional overnight travel.

Hillsborough County contains approximately 1,072 square miles with a countywide population of over 1.1 million at a density of 950 people per sq. mile. Greater than 20% of the population speaks a language other than English as their first language. A home ownership rate of 64% exists in Hillsborough County and approximately 25% of the populace holds a B.S. degree or better. The main agricultural commodities are aquaculture, citrus, cattle, dairy, ornamentals, trees, turf, strawberries and vegetables. Tourism is also a viable industry and major cities include Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace. The County requires successful completion of a drug screen and background check.