POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Assistant In Environmental Law

LOCATION: Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Energy Extension

SALARY: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

POSITION OPEN TO: December 14, 2006

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month non-tenure position that will be 100% Extension (Florida Extension Service). This assignment will be reviewed annually and may be subject to change in accordance with programmatic responsibilities of the unit. The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting in planning, implementing and coordinating various collaborative outreach activities between the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law and Extension Service, working specifically on projects and initiatives in the Conservation Clinic in the Center for Government Responsibility, the Program for Resource Efficient Communities, and Florida Sea Grant. The successful candidate will be expected to work with county Extension Faculty. The position will be administered by the Program for Resource Efficient Communities, but located in the Conservation Clinic at the Center for Governmental Responsibility and will be supervised by the Clinic Director at Energy Extension with the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department. Specific activities include the following:

1. Serving as a liaison between the Conservation Clinic and faculty and staff in the Program for Resource Efficient Communities (PREC), Florida Sea Grant, and UF/IFAS Extension.
2. Assisting the Clinic Director, PREC and Florida Sea Grant in the design, execution and delivery of collaborative projects that support enhanced Extension programming in areas such as growth management, land use, marine and coastal policy and others as needed.
3. Serving as a mentor to law and graduate students associated with the Conservation Clinic in the execution of their projects in support of the UF/IFAS Extension Service/College of Law collaboration
4. Assisting the Clinic Director in the provision of training opportunities for Extension Faculty on legal and policy issues related to environmental and land use law
5. Assisting the Clinic Director in the development of projects and proposals that support the development of outreach programs in Latin America and the Caribbean, including the activities of the Conservation

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QUALIFICATIONS: A law degree and membership in the Florida Bar with at least 2 years of experience in some combination of environmental, land use and state and local government law. Demonstrated ability to work in interdisciplinary teams and in cooperation with county Extension Faculty, law and graduate students, University specialists, outside consultants and professional associations is required. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Fluency in Spanish is desirable. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land Grant system and Sea Grant Program. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement and accountability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Conservation Clinic is an academic program in the Center for Governmental Responsibility in the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law (http://conservation.law.ufl.edu). The Clinic provides environmental and land use law services to communities and not-for-profit institutions in the State of Florida. Law and graduate students enroll in the Clinic and conduct the work of the Clinic under the supervision of its Director. Florida Sea Grant is a partnership program among the Florida Board of Education, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Florida’s citizens, industries and governments (http://www.flseagrant.org). The PREC in the School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit within the UF/IFAS Extension Service that works collaboratively with faculty from various Colleges (http://www.energy.ufl.edu). PREC develops and delivers continuing education programs and workshops to promote adoption of best design, construction, and management practices that measurably reduce energy and water consumption and environmental degradation in new residential community developments. PREC is administratively housed in the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department which is a unit in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and has diverse teaching, research and extension education programs with 31 faculty members located on the Gainesville campus, 5 faculty located across the state at research and education centers, 10 courtesy faculty and 22 support personnel (http://www.agen.ufl.edu).

The University of Florida is a Land Grant and Sea Grant institution with an enrollment in excess of 49,000 students on the Gainesville campus and a member of the Association of American universities. IFAS includes 20 academic units, 5 interdisciplinary centers, 14 research and educational centers throughout the state, and UF/IFAS Extension units in each of Florida’s 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. IFAS, one the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Sr. Vice President and five deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension, the Dean for Research, the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Director for the School of Natural Resources and Environment.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS: This position is available December 14, 2006 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.

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NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS: Interested persons are requested to submit the following items: a cover letter expressing the person’s reasons for applying for the position, a resume of professional experience, list of publications, and other information relative to qualifications and a list of three references. All applications must be submitted via the Internet at http://jobs.ufl.edu. First time applicants must “Create/Update resume” and then register. A letter of intent and curriculum vitae must be attached as one document. The position is listed under the “View Job Postings/Apply for Job” option. Mark “Academic-Faculty” under the job categories and initiate the search. Mark the specific position for your “Job Basket” and then click “Apply for Jobs in Basket”. Hard copies of curriculum vitae, letters of intent or any form of applications will not be accepted. Submit transcripts or academic work to the below address. All of the above items must be postmarked by the closing date of December 14, 2006. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND APPLICATION AND NOMINATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION
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SALARY RANGE: Minimum Salary of $40,000