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Executive Director - West Central/Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

University of Minnesota

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Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

Initial application screening will take place immediately after this date. Position will remain open until filled.

Location: To be determined by date of hire

CONTEXT

The University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships are a multi-college program of the University formed by the Minnesota Legislature in 1997. The West Central/Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (WC/SW Partnership) is led by a Board composed of citizen leaders and University of Minnesota faculty. The citizen-driven Board identifies research, education, and outreach projects aimed at improving economic, social, and environmental sustainability of West Central and Southwest Minnesota's agriculture, natural resources, energy, and tourism resources. It then links University faculty, students and other resources to its projects which are financed by state funds and other sources. Operating policies and statewide projects are coordinated among the five Partnerships by a Statewide Coordinating Committee composed of staff and citizens from each region, at-large citizen representatives, and representatives of three Partnership colleges.

DESCRIPTION

The Executive Director supports the WC/SW Partnership's Board of Directors and its research, education, and outreach projects. The Executive Director must have an understanding of university-based research, education, and outreach processes; a basic knowledge of agriculture, natural resources, tourism and/or sustainable development; an ability to lead a process of shared decision-making between local citizens and University faculty; and community engagement skills that build partnerships. This person must also have excellent communication skills and the managerial skills needed to oversee several projects at one time. The Director must be a catalyst and team builder who supports the University's community engagement mission. The primary geographic area served is the West Central and Southwest region of Minnesota.

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