



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Midwest Regional Director

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) is seeking a full-time Sustainable Agriculture or Marketing Specialist to direct program work in our Midwest Regional office in Iowa. The current office is located in Lewis, Iowa. NCAT may be locating at another site in Iowa.

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) is a private non-profit organization that works to foster and promote sustainable technologies and systems, especially for the benefit of economically disadvantaged individuals and communities. Put your education and experience to work helping American farmers and ranchers. NCAT's work includes nationally recognized projects in agriculture and energy, including the ATTRA National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service.

QUALIFICATIONS: This is an excellent opportunity for the ideal candidate with a combination of education and experience in agriculture and/or marketing of agricultural products. The position requires the equivalent of an MA/MS degree plus a minimum of two years management or demonstrated leadership experience. Experience in the practice and transfer of information on sustainable agriculture is required. On farm experience is a plus. A background of working for and with non-profit organizations would be useful. Of particular importance would be an interest and knowledge in marketing, organics, agronomy, soils, cropping systems and/or farm energy topics including bio-based fuels, conservation and renewables. The ideal candidate will have experience in leading collaborative efforts with many partners. You should also be able to recognize and capitalize on new project opportunities not only in sustainable agriculture but in all NCAT program areas. Excellent written and oral communications skills are required. **If you are interested in this position, you must be willing to relocate to Iowa and to travel extensively.**

Primary duties and responsibilities:

- Direct NCAT activities in the Midwest region
- Recruit non-profit collaborators or partners for NCAT mission-related work
- Increase NCAT's visibility in the region
- Develop partnerships and projects with sustainable agriculture organizations and other non-profits in the region
- Seek local, state, and regional development opportunities for NCAT in all program areas
- Provide focused outreach to the low-income community, especially limited-resource and/or minority farmers
- Help further NCAT's mission and strategic goals
- Lead projects, including development and careful management of project resources
- Possible supervision of interns or NCAT program specialists
- Research technical information and develop publications for NCAT clients
- Conduct workshops and other training
- Communicate with other NCAT employees, regional office directors and NCAT management

Compensation: Salary range is \$40,000 to \$48,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits include paid vacation and holidays, health, life and disability insurance, a cafeteria and 401 (k) plan and a pleasant, professional office environment.

Application Information: If this is an opportunity that appeals to you, please submit your resume, a letter of interest highlighting your qualifications to meet the responsibilities for the position and a completed application form. Please send that information to: Therese McClafferty, NCAT Headquarters, PO Box 3838, Butte, Montana 59702 or email to Therese at theresem@ncat.org. Applicants can visit NCAT's website at www.ncat.org for a gateway to websites and projects developed by NCAT staff.

Closing Date: September 30, 2008 or until a suitable candidate is selected. Early applications will be considered as they are received.

Note: This general job description reflects the job duties, knowledge and skills typically needed for this type of position. It is not all-inclusive and other duties may be assigned to the position to facilitate a productive working environment.

It is NCAT's policy and organizational philosophy to ensure that all of our employment practices, including recruitment and hiring, are administered for all individuals without regard to color, race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status.

National Center for Appropriate Technology Mission Statement

Helping people by championing small-scale, local, and sustainable solutions to reduce poverty, promote healthy communities, and protect natural resources.

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