

Position Announcement Farm Foundation

Position Title: **President**

Location: **Oak Brook, IL**

Available: **January 1, 2008**

The President is the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible to the Board of Trustees for all programs and activities of the Foundation. With the Trustees, the President provides vision and leadership for the organization. The President manages all Foundation programs and operations, cultivates relationships with supporters, stakeholders and donors, and represents the organization to the public. The Foundation has an annual operating budget of \$1.7 million, about 80 percent of which is funded by a private endowment. Additional revenue comes from individuals, corporations, government agencies and other foundations.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide vision and leadership for all Farm Foundation programs
- Hire, develop and manage the Foundation staff to carry out current and future programs
- Develop and manage the Foundation's financial assets to assure its future financial viability
- Direct and manage all current fiscal operations of the Foundation
- Report to the Trustees to assure that the governance, organizational structures and operations of the Foundation serve the long-term mission of the Foundation.
- Develop expertise and leadership in economic and policy analysis that is relied upon by academic, government and industry policy makers

Qualifications:

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work effectively with a wide variety of stakeholders and professionals involved in economic and policy issues
- Experience in management, supervision, and policy development for complex programs
- Experience in fund raising, budgeting and financial management
- Demonstrated leadership skills

Education and Experience:

- MS or equivalent in Agricultural Economics or a closely related social science field. A PhD or other terminal degree is preferred.
- A minimum of ten years experience in progressively responsible positions related to qualifications above.
- Work experience in government, industry and academic settings and/or demonstrated ability to work with leaders of all these sectors.

Farm Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to improve the economic and social well-being of U.S. agriculture, the food system, and rural communities by serving as a catalyst to assist private and public-sector decision makers in identifying and understanding the forces that will shape the future. The Foundation has a 70-year reputation for providing objective economic and policy analyses related to agriculture, the food system and rural

communities. Its programs identify policy options, research needs and possible courses of action for decision makers. A Board of Trustees comprised of leaders in production agriculture, related businesses and academia governs the Foundation.

Application Process:

Send a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references to:

Dr. Victor L. Lechtenberg
Vice Provost for Engagement
Purdue University
Hovde Hall Room 130
610 Purdue Mall
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Applications will be reviewed beginning **August 15, 2007**.