



## SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS RC&D, INC.

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Title: **Agricultural Consultant**

Position Description Number: **20**

Classification: **Program Development**

### **Position Summary:**

The Agricultural Consultant will work with RC&D and NRCS staff, as well as local, regional, state and federal entities, to develop projects that would bring new technologies and/or activities, which would strengthen the overall agricultural economy within the region.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

Specific duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Work with local and regional agricultural interests to identify upcoming issues and/or concerns that could have an impact, positive or negative, on the local agricultural economy, community and quality of life.
2. Work with state and federal agencies, as well as private foundations and advocacy groups to identify solutions to these issues and/or concerns.
3. Identify potential funding sources, and work with RC&D and NRCS staff, as well as other volunteer staff, to develop and submit funding proposals.

### **Qualifications:**

The Agricultural Consultant will possess:

1. A minimum of ten years of management experience in the agricultural sector, preferably within the Metro East region of Illinois.
2. A thorough knowledge and understanding of state and federal programs related to the agricultural enterprises, both large and small, cropland and livestock.
3. Access to email, and reliable transportation
4. Excellent communications skills, including writing, listening and presentation.

### **Supervision:**

This position will report directly to the Operations Manager. The position will also have contact with RC&D and NRCS staff.

### **Longevity:**

The individual selected for this position is expected to serve for a minimum period of one year.

### **Level of Commitment:**

It is expected that an individual will commit a minimum of 24 hours per month towards activities associated with this position. This is an averaged estimate, which may fluctuate periodically, based on activities.

**Workplace Location:**

Portions of this work can be completed at the selected volunteer's home work station. It would however be necessary to spend a portion of the time at the RC&D office to communicate with the Operations Manager, staff and other volunteers. The selected volunteer would also be expected to coordinate and/or attend meetings and/or conferences within the region on a regular basis.

**Benefits:**

The Agricultural Consultant is subject to the following benefits associated with this position:

- √ Reimbursement of approved expenses
- √ Ability to gain practical work experience; recognition for work products produced
- √ Ability to share in the rewards of assisting in the protection of the natural resources within the region
- √ Ability to meet new people
- √ Ability to share skills, and/or learn new skills