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Subject: Director, Water Resources Center, Auburn University

The Auburn University Water Resources Center (WRC), located in the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES), was created to facilitate successful collaboration among Auburn University faculty and staff on multi-disciplinary water-related research, outreach, and teaching; and to facilitate the active involvement of private citizens in the stewardship of water resources. The 12-month, faculty administrator position is envisioned as a 50%/50% appointment, subject to change as negotiated by the candidate upon selection, for a five year period. The position is subject to renewal based on satisfactory performance and needs. It reports directly to the Dean and Director, College of Agriculture and the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station while collaborating with administrators, faculty, and staff located throughout the College of Agriculture (COA), Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES), Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) and Auburn University. Anticipated position start date is May 1, 2015.

Responsibilities include providing leadership in accomplishing the WRC goals, to encourage and strengthen the links between AU water resources research and Extension, and strengthen graduate education and training in water resources science, manage and direct staff, budget planning and oversight, and programming to develop innovative and effective methods of delivering high impact programs. The successful candidate will serve as a representative of the center; secure and expand financial resources through a diversity of funding sources; enhance and expand the multi-disciplinary nature of WRC's research and education activities by increasing collaboration; administration of the USGS Water Resources Research Institute Program grant, including application for annual grant and the submission of required reports; supervision of staff; and interact with and serve as an interface with national and state leaders, as appropriate, in water resources issues and policies.

Qualifications include an earned PhD in any of the following areas: water resources science and engineering, environmental or natural resources science and engineering, agricultural sciences and engineering, environmental policy, environmental social sciences, resource or agricultural economics, or closely related field from an accredited institution. The selected candidate must have the ability to obtain rank and tenure as Professor at Auburn University upon hire. The successful candidate will possess demonstrated experience in conducting and publishing peer-reviewed work in water related research, experience in Extension or outreach program development and/or delivery and experience in stakeholder engagement processes in a water related discipline. A successful record of securing extramural funding in support of water related research projects; previous experience in leadership and management; demonstrated effectiveness in interdisciplinary settings and engagement with diverse audiences and stakeholders including agency leaders, commodity groups, elected officials and industry leaders; excellent interpersonal communication skills; and evidence of a commitment to diversity are required. The successful candidate must meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the term of employment. Desired qualification include the ability to develop and execute an innovative vision for growing the Water Resources Center including an increase in an interdisciplinary water-related program, demonstrated teaching and advising excellence with interdisciplinary interests and from diverse backgrounds, and the knowledge of leadership theory, development, practices, and skills utilized in the context of water resources.

Applicants must complete an on-line application process at the following link:

<http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/796> and attach the following: 1) a letter of interest, 2) curriculum vita, and 3) a statement of leadership and vision of a multi-disciplinary research/outreach team center (please attach #3 in the applicant documents section of "Other Documentation"). When prompted during the on-line application process, please provide name, email address and phone number of three professional references. Only complete application materials will be considered. Questions about the position may be directed to John Beasley, Search Committee Chair at jpb0035@auburn.edu. <<mailto:jpb0035@auburn.edu>> More information about the Auburn University Water Resources Center (AU WRC) is found by visiting: <http://aaes.auburn.edu/water>

To ensure optimal consideration, submit materials by January 31, 2015. Review of applications will begin February 1, 2015.

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