POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #00015048

Title: Assistant Professor – Landscape Management

Location: Gulf Coast Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Plant City, Florida  33563

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before September 1, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 60% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 40% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) available at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center – Plant City Campus, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. Duties include participating as a member of the landscape and nursery management teaching faculty in Plant City, Florida and teaching related courses; working with Environmental Horticulture faculty statewide in delivering courses by distance education and facilitating on-site laboratories and joining the state-wide undergraduate teaching team in providing a quality educational program; conducting a research program that emphasizes effective and environmentally-sound landscape management through the development and implementation of water, nutrient, and plant selection studies; cooperating and coordinating with the statewide Environmental Horticulture faculty in development of research projects; overseeing the management of the on-site greenhouses and field production facilities at the Plant City campus; publishing refereed teaching and research publications; and interacting with the landscape maintenance and nursery production industries in Florida.

Tenure will accrue in the Department of Environmental Horticulture. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land Grant mission.

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Qualifications
An earned doctorate in horticulture, environmental physiology, plant science, landscape design/maintenance, or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability. Prior teaching experience in/or an aptitude for landscape maintenance or design is desirable. Demonstrated experience and publications related to landscape management research would be beneficial.

Background Information
The University of Florida’s Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (GCREC) has a new $16 million regional research center located near Wimauma, southeast of Tampa, FL. Research and extension programs focus on vegetable, strawberry, and environmental horticulture (landscape and flowering ornamentals). Excellent facilities including office, laboratory, field and greenhouse space is provided for 20 faculty, support staff and graduate students. A plant diagnostic laboratory aids county extension faculty and local growers in determining disease and nutrition problems and solutions. The Plant City campus of GCREC is located 13 miles east of the I-75 and I-4 Junction along the major interstate that connects Tampa and Orlando, FL. The campus shares its facilities with the Hillsborough Community College, Plant City Campus and is 26 miles north of the GCREC, Wimauma. Plant City, FL, the winter strawberry capital of the world, is surrounded with several large ornamental production nurseries and over 25% of the Hillsborough County’s agricultural income is generated by the ornamental production nurseries.

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant and Sea-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (http://ifas.ufl.edu) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (http://cals.ufl.edu), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (http://research.ifas.ufl.edu), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu), the College of Veterinary Medicine (http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Employment Conditions
This position is available September 1, 2007 and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

Nominations and Applications
Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Individuals wishing to apply should submit the following materials: (1) A letter of application discussing career goals and satisfaction of the stated qualifications; (2) A detailed curriculum vitae (which includes statement of

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current position and responsibilities; (3) Official academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the Institution to the address below) and which shows receipt of the doctoral degree; and (4) Three (3) letters of recommendation (letters must be sent directly from the person writing the recommendation to the address below).

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**Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information**

Please refer to Position # 00015048

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