

<p>Rural Enterprise Center A program of Main Street Project</p>	<p>Main Street Project is a grassroots cultural organizing, media justice and economic development initiative working to help rural and urban communities face today's realities with hope. We provide creative and practical tools to give people of all ages, cultures, economic and immigration status the opportunity to more fully participate in all aspects of community life.</p> <p>The Rural Enterprise Center program's mission is "to strengthen communities by bringing together the support infrastructure, systems, resources and programs that rural entrepreneurs, and specifically aspiring Latin@ farmers need to succeed."</p>		
<p>Job Title:</p>	<p>Agripreneur Training Manager</p>	<p>Date:</p>	<p>January 2011</p>
<p>Job Description:</p>			
<p>The Rural Enterprise Center is launching an innovative agripreneur training program for aspiring Latin@ farmers. Classroom and field training, primarily at a farm site in Northfield, Minnesota, are part of a comprehensive approach to supporting families on a path out of poverty through sustainable small-scale farming. The Agripreneur Training Manager is responsible for all aspects of the training program and site.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an end-to-end farmer training program (classroom and field curriculum) and a work plan that aligns with the needs and cultural, social and economic backgrounds of Latin@ families in poverty. • Identify and collaborate with other organizations and individuals that may provide training content and/or serve as trainers. Manage agreements, contracts and performance with those resources. • Identify and manage relationships with farmer mentors and other farmer mentor networks. Develop mentor job description, coordinate their role in the training process and establish evaluation processes. • Ensure that farm training site resources are built and maintained so that the field training experience replicates actual farming conditions. This includes building and managing production units for free-range poultry, vegetables, perennial crops and deploying new training units as systems are developed. • Document and coordinate production processes, marketing and distribution associated with all training farm-produced products. • Evaluate and document training participants' progress. Coordinate trainee graduation. • Coordinate community volunteers, building and managing relationships with local and regional organizations and businesses committed to the success of the program. • Collaborate with Main Street Project/Rural Enterprise Center staff on fundraising, budgeting and communication efforts. 			
<p>Job Location:</p>	<p>Northfield, Minnesota</p>	<p>Start Date:</p>	<p>February 2011 or until filled</p>
<p>Job Role:</p>	<p>Program training management</p>	<p>Employment Status:</p>	<p>Full Time – One year contract, renewable based on funding availability</p>
<p>Monthly Salary Range:</p>	<p>Compensation based on experience. Position includes health insurance, vacation and sick leave benefits.</p>	<p>Manages Others:</p>	<p>Yes (temporary help, community volunteers, trainees, community partnerships)</p>

Qualifications:

- Experience with developing curriculum and providing training to adult learners
- Understanding of and experience in sustainable agriculture systems
- Strong interpersonal and motivational skills; Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Strong project management skills
- Demonstrated ability to work across cultures and with diverse community groups
- Experience working with families in poverty and a practical understanding of their situation
- Fluency in Spanish strongly preferred

Years of Experience:

5 or more years of program training experience and experience in sustainable agriculture systems

Degree:

College degree or equivalent studies/experience in sustainable agriculture systems

To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume via email to REC@mainstreetproject.org

Website:

www.ruralec.com

Main Street Project is an equal opportunity employer. We actively encourage people of color to apply for this position.