POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: **Assistant Professor, Extension Specialist, Beef Veterinarian**
Department of Animal Sciences and Industry
Kansas State University, Manhattan

Appointment: Full time, 12-month, tenure-track position, 0.7 extension, 0.2 research, 0.1 teaching

Position Description and Responsibilities

- Provide statewide leadership in the development and implementation of Extension veterinary education programs designed to improve the health of cow-calf, stocker and feedlot cattle, with emphasis on preventative health strategies. In addition, the Extension Beef Veterinarian should have a broad working knowledge of all aspects of practical beef cattle production and management in the Great Plains region.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams of Extension specialists, research scientists and others to evaluate and deliver effective, integrated production medicine, beef quality assurance, and pre-harvest food safety programs.
- Establish and sustain ongoing relationships with colleagues in animal health agencies, i.e. Kansas Department of Animal Health/APHIS and faculty in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Extension activities (70%): Team with Extension specialists and agents, researchers, practitioners and others to synthesize and encourage use of scientifically and economically sound herd health and production management programs by Kansas producers. Most of these outreach programs will be directed through Extension channels to beef producers, their veterinarians and other professionals working with cattle producers, organizations and beef alliances. The specialist will be responsible for developing effective information transfer mechanisms including Extension programs, factsheets, bulletins, videos, computer and internet-based communication systems and radio/TV presentations and newsletters.
- Research activities (20%): Pursue cooperative research programs with faculty in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, and other departments and organizations with common interests. Excellent opportunities exist for quantitative, applied production medicine and food safety research at Experiment Stations and with cooperating Kansas ranches and feedlots.
- Teaching activities (10%): Provide instruction in animal health and production management in appropriate undergraduate and graduate classes. Provide guest lectures as requested.

Required Qualifications

- Earned D.V.M. or equivalent degree at time of hire
- Proficiency in oral and written communications
- Ability to function effectively in a team setting, both as a leader and team member
- Significant professional experience in beef production with emphasis in beef cattle health
- Interpersonal skills that promote a multidisciplinary approach to problems facing clientele
- Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity
- Aptitude for public service, an understanding of the Cooperative Extension Service

Preferred Qualifications

- Advanced degree (MS or PhD) and/or board certification
- Academic experience in Extension, teaching and/or research
- Veterinary experience in a beef or mixed clinical practice

Salary is commensurate with academic training and professional experience.

The Department of Animal Sciences and Industry offers strong extension, teaching, and research programs with approximately 1,200 undergraduate and 100 graduate students, many of whom pursue employment in the livestock industry. The department consists of approximately 55 faculty members. More information about the department may be obtained at: http://www.asi.k-state.edu.

Application Procedure. Submit cover letter clearly articulating how the candidate meets required and preferred qualifications, one page summary of candidate's extension and research philosophy and goals, copies of all post-secondary education transcripts, curriculum vitae, and names and contact information of three references. All application materials should be sent via e-mail in PDF format to Dr. Dale A. Blasi, Search Committee Chair at dblasi@ksu.edu.

Review of Applications. Review of applications will begin on August 20, 2014 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States.

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Background check required.