



**PARTIAL SERVICE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROVIDER – MOUNTAIN
WEST REGION (CONTRACTOR)**

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A Bit About Us

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture and the Environment (WNC) is a regenerative farm, education, research and visitor center in Coastal Maine focused on a local, regional and increasingly national mission to transform our relationship with farming and food for a healthier planet. Wolfe's Neck Center is leveraging funds from their recently-awarded United States Department of Food and Agriculture (USDA) Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities (PCSC) grant program to scale the implementation of climate-smart agriculture.

In order to achieve this goal, WNC is seeking to contract with qualified Technical Assistance Providers (TAP) in the Mountain West Region to aid farmers and ranchers in this transition. Under the direction of the Mountain West Markets Program Manager, TAPs will be focused on developing and carrying out Farm Projects, which are individual projects associated with an FSA-registered agricultural operation where project activity will take place. The state in this region currently includes CO and will likely expand to MT, ID, WY, NM, and UT.

Position Overview

The Partial Service Technical Assistance Provider is a contractual position managed by the Mountain West Markets Program Manager (PM). The TAP is expected to complete all required training and work independently to carry out all Farm Project work plans, communicating impediments or other support needs to the PM as they arise.

TAP will be focused on two primary workstreams for WNC: (1) climate-smart ag practice implementation assistance; and (2) farm data collection and entry.

TAP shall onboard and manage a minimum of 5 Farm Projects in 2024. WNC will compensate TAP for up to 2 in-person visits to each farm or ranch project over the course of their contract with WNC; the majority of the duties below will be supported remotely. Billable hours are not required to be evenly divided by year; it is expected that each farm project will require more up-front time in year one to achieve project deliverables.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Practice Implementation Assistance
 - a. Assist farmers/ranchers to select the appropriate eligible conservation practice standards (CPS) for their operation
 - b. Assist farmers/ranchers to implement CPS to specifications, including preparing grazing plans
 - c. Assist farmers/ranchers to identify supporting materials (i.e. seeds, compost) and equipment to implement their project
2. Data Collection
 - a. Work within the data collection templates provided by WNC to collect necessary data for the following project partners: USDA, Zero Foodprint, Point Blue, RegenScore, and Permanent
3. Utilize COMET Planner to model carbon sequestration potential.
4. Ensure farmers/ranchers submit payment requests and necessary documentation correctly and in a timely manner.

Qualifications

- Experience in crop and/or livestock production
- Experience in natural resource concerns related to soil health on farms/ranches
- Strong motivation to work in climate-smart/regenerative agriculture, including but not limited to holding related certifications or licenses
- Strong verbal and written communication
- Ability to work independently
- Strong organizational skills
- Knowledge and experience working with computers. Ability to type and use Microsoft Office programs, including Word, Excel and Google Suite.
- Flexibility to travel to perform selected duties on-farm (i.e. practice planning and/or implementation support)
- Preference will be given for TAPs based in the region

Compensation

This is a contractor position with a contract term of 3 years. Expected total compensation is \$20,500. Compensation is paid monthly according to standardized invoice pertaining to Farm Project progress, training participation, and approved travel expenses. Additional compensation will be offered commensurate with other optional opportunities.

To Apply

To apply, please submit the following documents via email to Hannah Tikalsky, Director of Network Development for Environmental Markets at htikalsky@wolfesneck.org with the subject line “Partial Service TAP Application – Mountain West Region”: Resume, a cover letter including affirmation that you are able to carry at least 5 Farm Projects in 2024, and proof of workers compensation insurance or exemption status. The contractual position will remain open and applications accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled.

Non-Discriminatory Selection Process

Wolfe’s Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment, in accordance with federal Equal Opportunity laws, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation including gender identity or expression, veteran status, or physical or mental disability in the hiring of its employees. Applicants are selected based on their ability to perform the essential functions of the job, prior work experience, and references from previous employers.