

Washington Friends of Farms & Forests
Executive Director
Position Announcement

We are seeking a professional, self-motivated individual committed to the future of agriculture and forestry in Washington State. Washington State is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world, allowing us to produce over 300 different crops commercially. Agricultural production, food processing, and trade represent a significant segment of the state's economy. We also have some of the most productive timberland in the world. Efficient crop production requires protection from insects, diseases, and weeds. Use and regulation of pesticides can be controversial.

This individual will be responsible for promoting science-based regulation of pesticides through government affairs, media relations, developing educational programs, coalition building and more. This position reports to a 15-member board of directors that meets 6-8 times a year. Some travel is required. See www.wafriends.org for more information about the organization.

This position may be structured as an employee or contractor, working from home or an Olympia office.

Washington Friends of Farms & Forests is 200+ member non-profit trade association that supports agriculture and timber producers and other pesticide users in Washington by working to ensure a science-based regulatory system. Membership includes agricultural producers, timber producers, pesticide applicators, ag retailers and others who produce food or wood products, manage land or support those who do. We work for greater public understanding of the challenges faced by producers of food and fiber including the responsible use of biotechnology and pesticides. We provide training to keep our members up to date on safe practices and new regulations.

Responsibilities include:

Government affairs:

- Lobby the Washington State Legislature or contract with a lobbyist.
- Develop and maintain alliances with other organizations for purposes of coalition building.
- Develop issue response plans in conjunction with member organizations.
- Engage in rule-making and other regulatory actions with all relevant state agencies.
- Submit comments to EPA on relevant issues.

Governance and operations:

- Work with the board to fulfill mission of the organization.
- Coordinate with accountant as needed for dues invoicing, financial reports, etc.
- Plan events including annual meeting, legislative reception, member training, agency forum. (Event size ranges from 20 – 100 participants.)

Communications:

- Represent organizational goals to the media and the public.
- Represent the organization at events.
- Promote organizational perspectives through social media and public events.
- Plan and produce educational programs.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in scientific or agricultural field.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills including public speaking.
- Strong work ethic, including the ability to plan and prioritize tasks independently.
- Ability to establish collaborative working relationships with individuals and organizations.
- Ability to develop and implement issue strategies, including promoting consensus among differing opinions.
- Some travel required.

Please send resume and letter of interest to:

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