LOCATION: Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, LA

DUTIES: The Louisiana State University Agricultural Center invites applications for head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. The LSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness conducts integrated and internationally recognized programs of research, teaching and extension in areas including natural resource economics, international trade, agribusiness, and community development. The head provides strategic leadership and administrative direction in recruitment and professional development of faculty, staff and students, development of undergraduate and graduate curricula, and administration of state, regional, national, and international programs of the department. The head recommends programmatic, personnel, budgetary and facility needs, and adjustments or reassignments; manages the fiscal, human and physical resources of the unit; evaluates the performance of the department and its faculty and staff and guides their development; facilitates working relationships with AgCenter regional, parish and station offices and with other departments; and directs corporate development and extramural funding activities. This position is joint between the LSU Agricultural Center campus and the LSU A&M campus with the primary appointment being through the AgCenter. The department head represents departmental interests to the administrators of the LSU Agricultural Center and the LSU A&M campuses, and to governmental agencies; stakeholders in agriculture, rural and urban communities, business, and industry; state, regional, and national professional organizations; and the general public. The LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture are dedicated to diversity and inclusion in programs and employment. The department head’s responsibilities are performed in a manner that is non-discriminatory on the basis of race, creed, color, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, or veteran's status. The department head reports to Vice President for Agriculture through the three Program Leaders of the LSU Agricultural Center campus and the Executive Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture of the LSU A&M campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Ag Economics consists of 14 faculty members; 3 research, extension and teaching associates; and 2 support staff members. There are approximately 130 undergraduate students and 20 graduate students. Degree programs offered are the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business and the full range of Masters and Ph.D. programs in Agricultural Economics. Masters students may concentrate in Agribusiness, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy, or Agricultural Economics.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness or closely related field; demonstrated record of scholarly achievement in teaching, research, and/or extension warranting appointment at the rank of full professor; demonstrated leadership, communicative, collaborative, and administrative capabilities. Desired qualifications include prior experience in a land-grant university and industry. A commitment to the land-grant system is essential.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Current benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

DATE AVAILABLE: Upon completion of selection process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2020 or until suitable applicant is found.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Must apply online at https://lsusystemcareers.lsu.edu/ by attaching a vita and a letter of application that includes a statement of administrative philosophy. Questions about the on-line system should be directed to the HRM Office at 225/578-0324. (Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted.) For more information contact:

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