

Project Manager: Farm to Institution

This is an excellent opportunity to join a creative, entrepreneurial nonprofit organization that is a national leader in the local food movement.

Farm to Institution Project Description:

Fair Food's Farm to Institution (FTI) project is creating systemic changes that will result in increased purchasing of locally grown foods by institutions, including hospitals, colleges, schools and elder care facilities. Our dedicated Working Group of food service professionals and farmers from the Greater Philadelphia region is addressing specific barriers to local food purchasing with a focus on fostering communication and building relationships among farmers, distributors and institutions.

This year the project will also conduct research and planning regarding value-added processing of local products and how to introduce fresh, locally grown foods into the Philadelphia school system.

Through this and other projects, we are poised to have a profound regional impact on local farming and food access.

Fair Food, a program of White Dog Community Enterprises, is dedicated to bringing locally grown food into the Philadelphia marketplace and promoting a humane, sustainable agriculture for the Greater Philadelphia region. **Community Enterprises** is an entrepreneurial nonprofit whose mission is to cultivate a Philadelphia regional economy that is inclusive, just, environmentally healthy, and based on local business ownership. We help create, strengthen, and connect locally owned businesses and farms that meet essential human needs to our region; support minority entrepreneurs in this new economy; and educate the public about the benefits and responsibilities of building a local living economy.

Job Description:

Tasks and Responsibilities include the following:

- Lead all Farm to Institution project activities (including facilitating and monitoring local food purchasing transactions; stakeholder education; public recognition of successful models; project assessment; research and relationship building)
- Achieve desired outputs and outcomes
- Represent the project and the organization to project partners and the general public
- Work with Program Director to create and monitor project budgets
- Supervise project associate

Qualifications:

- Minimum 3 years experience working within the local food system, sustainable agriculture, food distribution or institutional food service fields.

- Expert understanding of the barriers that institutions face in purchasing locally grown food
- Quick learner, able to grapple with complex systems
- Passion for and knowledge of local food systems
- Strong leadership and facilitation skills
- Responsible and organized
- Proficient with, at minimum, Microsoft Office Suite
- Experience in research and analysis
- Excellent writing and public speaking skills
- Creative problem solving skills
- Adaptable and able to interact and collaborate well with a diverse group

Additional Information:

This position is full time, reports directly to the Director of Fair Food, and supervises an entry level Associate.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to John Eshleman (jeshleman@whitedog.com) with “Farm to Institution Project Manager” as the subject.

No calls please.

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