

# Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

## Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

### Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

**Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.**

**Veterinary Shortage ID Code: VA115**

#### Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Virginia

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Location of Position:

VDACS Regional Animal Health Laboratory, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

#### Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time\*)

Employer: VDACS

Position Title: Poultry

Diagnostician

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- Food Safety
- Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Other: Diagnostic Services for Commercial & Backyard Flocks and NPIP Coordinator

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

**The purpose of this position will be to provide a poultry veterinarian for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) at the Harrisonburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory.**

**The objectives for a poultry veterinarian in this position are:**

- **Serve as a statewide resource for poultry producers.**
- **Manage or assist with the management of the Virginia National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).**
- **Serve as the VDACS Poultry Diagnostician.**
- **Assist with the enforcement of VDACS regulations pertaining to poultry.**
- **Serve as an expert resource to the state veterinarian on the management of poultry diseases of regulatory and non-regulatory concern.**

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

**The poultry industry is the largest sectors of the livestock industry in Virginia, producing \$836 million in sales according to the 2009 National Agricultural Statistics Bulletin. The successful applicant for this designation will assist VDACS to provide services to the largest livestock sector in Virginia through the following activities:**

- **Provide gross necropsy of poultry submissions of commercial and backyard poultry,**
- **Provide poultry owners with detailed written reports of necropsy findings and diagnostic test results,**
- **Assist with the coordinator duties for compliance with the National Poultry Improvement Plan in Virginia,**
- **Assist with the planning and training for emergency response to avian diseases in Virginia, and**
- **Assist in the enforcement of the VDACS poultry regulations.**

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

**VDACS had one poultry diagnostician that served from October 10, 1984 until October 1, 2010. The Department is currently recruiting for a replacement for this employee. The VDACS Office of Laboratory Services funds this position with non-general funds generated by the regional animal health diagnostic services. The Virginia poultry industry requested that VDACS add a poultry diagnostician to its staff after an avian influenza outbreak in 1982.**

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

**Failure to successfully recruit for this position will cause a void in the diagnostic and regulatory services that are necessary to protect this important segment of the Virginia livestock industry.**

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

**Not required at this time according to instructions.**

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