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**Farm and Greenhouse Manager**

**Tucker Ranch Farm, City of Winter Garden, FL**

The City of Winter Garden desires to create a 20 acre working and teaching farm with a one-acre greenhouse to provide healthy, local produce to our residents. The produce grown at Tucker Ranch will be sold at local retail outlets, specifically local farmers markets. It is the City’s intent to use Tucker Ranch as a catalyst and vehicle to create a regional food hub in West Orange County. The purpose of such an endeavor is three-fold:

* + Teach our community the importance of eating and knowing how to grow healthy food
  + Provide local healthy food to our community
  + Build our economy by keeping the disposal income within our local community and creating cottage food businesses and additional small farm enterprises

Full Time Contract Position

Compensation: Based on experience and skills. Competitive and commensurate with experience

**REQUIREMENTS:**

* At least 5 years experience working on a production farm cultivating specialty crop
* Experienced in Horticulture, Hydroponics, Permaculture and Aquaponics.
* Degree in Horticulture or related field preferred
* Practices sustainable, organic growing practices
* Passionate about local food and growing it ecologically  
  Interested in using local agriculture as a way to build community and teach people about growing food   
  Strong management and communication skills
* Looking for a commitment for two years

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Manager is responsible for the day to day year-round operations of the Farm and Greenhouse.

The Manager will oversee the seeding and care of plants for bedding plant enterprise

The Manager will manage all staff and operations having to do with the farm and greenhouse.

The Manager will develop seasonal crop plans rotating crops between successions having 3-4 rotations per year.

The Manager will be responsible for maintain the infrastructure, buildings and systems used in the farming operation.

The Manager will be responsible for maintaining any livestock, i.e. chickens, pigs, etc. Currently only chickens are planned for the farm

The Manager will know how to safely operate farm equipment including a farm tractor, forklift

The Manager will be responsible for hiring and managing greenhouse and farm assistants, and supervise that staff as well as other farm crew during the production season.

**SCHEDULE:**

The Manager is expected to work a 40 hour work week with some flexibility. The work week can change due to weather conditions and farm needs.

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