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Maryland Soybean Board Seeks Executive Director Applicants

The Maryland Soybean Board is accepting applications from experienced, reliable and task-oriented individuals for the position of Executive Director. The ideal candidate will be familiar with Maryland agriculture, highly self-motivated, professional, and capable of prioritizing tasks and building strategic partnerships.

The Executive Director serves the board and will be responsible for performing a number of administrative and leadership duties in support of the board's mission. These include facilitating with the Board the planning, evaluation, coordination, and implementation of informational, promotional, and educational programs to benefit Maryland soybean farmers; contracting, Board and organizational relations, and building grower opportunities for profit through promotion, research and educational activities; developing an annual budget and projects with goals and being accountable for activities of the checkoff program; and maintaining the records of the board as described in the bylaws and policy handbook.

“The Maryland Soybean Board conducts a robust set of research, marketing and education projects that support the interests of Maryland soybean farmers,” says Travis Hutchison, MSB Chairman, who is a soybean farmer from Cordova, Md. “Our vision is to be a leader in Maryland agriculture by investing soybean checkoff dollars to improve production, the operating environment and the market.”

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and the names and contact information of three references by Aug. 20, 2109, to Hutchison at hutchisonbrothers@hotmail.com. Questions may be directed to him at (410) 924-3008. Information about the board's work may be found at www.mdsoy.org. This is a part-time, contractual position which does not offer benefits.

Maryland farmers plant about 500,000 acres of soybeans each year, and the crop generates approximately \$200 million in value to the state.

The Maryland Soybean Board is funded by the national soybean checkoff program, which assesses one-half of one percent of the net market value of soybeans at the first point of sale. The board consists of ten volunteer farmer-directors and directs funds for research, marketing and education programs to benefit the Maryland soybean industry.