National Association of Wheat Growers

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# Position Description
# Director of Science and Technology

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) seeks a qualified candidate to serve as Director of Science and Technology in its Washington, DC office. The successful candidate will have a strong scientific understanding of research subject matter relating to wheat, and will apply that knowledge to national research and technology policy, funding and coordination.

The Mission of NAWG is to combine the strengths, voices, and ideas of wheat producers to insure a better future for themselves, their industry and the general public.

**Duties:**

- Monitor objectives and progress on state and federal wheat research; provide national-level coordination and advocacy on priority wheat research issues.
- Work with USDA, other federal agencies, Congress, and private companies and foundations to attract new resources to wheat research, and preserve funding for existing priority programs.
- Play a primary scientific role in NAWG's efforts to prepare the way for commercialization of biotechnology traits in wheat.
- Monitor scientific and research issues for the organization, serving as liaison to advisory committees and coalitions, guiding the formation of NAWG policy relative to science and technology, and implementing policy of the Board. The position will provide scientific support to other NAWG functions, such as on technical environmental issues.
- Serve as the organization's primary scientific liaison with outside groups, including the US Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI) and National Wheat Improvement Committee (NWIC). Serve as the staff coordinator for NWIC and for NAWG's Research & Technology Committee.
- Contribute to all aspects of the association's operation including special projects, annual conference, meetings, communications, and other areas.
- Other duties as assigned by the Chief Executive Officer or as consistent with the duties outlined above.

**Qualifications:**

- Masters' Degree or other advanced degree in biology, botany, plant breeding, genetics, cereal chemistry, plant pathology, agronomy or related fields. Additional advanced degree is a bonus.
- Willingness to learn and participate in the Congressional appropriations process. Prior experience helpful but not required.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Familiarity with governmental and foundation granting procedures for research projects.
- Excellent organizational and planning skills.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced small-office environment and as a team player.
- Self-motivated – able to produce results with minimal supervision.
- Ability to work in a bipartisan fashion.

This position reports to the Chief Executive Officer of the association. Compensation includes a competitive salary package, including excellent health insurance and retirement plan.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, contact information for references, writing sample and salary requirements by close of business on Monday, February 26, to:

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