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### **BMP CHALLENGE Minnesota Project Coordinator**

Agflex specializes in innovative programs that support farmer adoption of Best Management Practices (BMPs). These practices save farmers money over time and improve environmental stewardship. Inexperience, weather-related risks and other complications can discourage farmers from implementing BMPs. Agflex and its partners have developed the BMP CHALLENGE, an innovative program that provides a net income guarantee for participating grain and silage corn producers as they experiment with nutrient management and conservation tillage. The program allows farmers to evaluate how BMPs perform on their own farm without economic risk.

Agflex is seeking a part-time coordinator to work in Minnesota to support on an ongoing collaboration funded by the US Department of Agriculture with partners including American Farmland Trust, the Minnesota River Board and other public and private organizations. Project outcomes include expansion of the BMP CHALLENGE program in Minnesota, fulfillment of deliverables to Minnesota River Board, and development of a new BMP CHALLENGE for processing sweet corn.

Responsibilities include recruiting producers, crop advisors and conservation professionals who can benefit to participate in the BMP CHALLENGE. The successful candidate will also coordinate field trials in sweet corn, and support implementation including check strip set up and yield assessments where needed.

Familiarity with nutrient management and conservation tillage in corn required. Excellent people and organization skills required, including written and verbal communications. Candidate must be able to work independently to achieve goals and have good familiarity with the region. Existing relationships including with agricultural and conservation professionals a plus.

Position will be based in Southern Minnesota. Flexible schedule, 15-20 hours per week, continuing through at least September 2011. Compensation commensurate with skills and experience. This is an ideal position for an individual interested in working with conservation professionals and farmers to develop solutions that protect water quality and farm profitability.

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