Job Title: *Farm Manager – SePRO Research & Technology Campus*

Location: Whitakers, North Carolina

Supervisor Title: Director – Research, Regulatory & Innovation

**JOB SUMMARY**

SePRO Corporation is a specialty environmental products company focused on protection of food sources, preservation and beautification of greenspaces and restoration of water bodies. Through a tireless commitment to customer-centric innovation and solution-focused technical support, SePRO is poised for continued growth and market leadership.

We are seeking a Farm Manager to provide leadership and day-to-day management of research facilities, equipment, and land at the SRTC in Whitakers, North Carolina.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Manage, maintain, and repair equipment used for research and farm operations (tractors, tillage equipment, planters, sprayers, irrigation equipment, trucks, boats)—ensure that equipment is ready for use to initiate research trials in a timely manner.
* Serve as focal point for maintenance of research facilities and buildings (research labs in Admin Building, Field/Formulation lab, greenhouse); schedule and implement repairs and preventative maintenance as necessary.
* Assist Research Scientists/Associates with field, greenhouse, and lab research studies (e.g. planting, treatment application, data collection, etc.).
* Maintain field borders, grounds, and roads (mow roadsides, grass areas, ditches)
* Manage relationship with local farmer that leases cropland at SRTC.
* Supervise staff (full-time and seasonal) to ensure the SRTC equipment, buildings, and grounds are maintained as “show ready” to host visitors and tours.
* Ensure safety, environmental, and permitting requirements are in compliance.
* Serve as liaison between SRTC team and R&D leadership; serve as the overall on-site contact for SRTC Research needs.

**EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

* BS in agriculture-related field, including agronomy, horticulture, soil science, pest management, or similar fields preferred.
* Experience with applied field/lab/greenhouse research is preferred, but not required.
* 5+ years of experience with agronomic crops, horticultural crops, and/or turf/ornamental production, including planting, harvesting, pest management, irrigation scheduling, soil/plant fertility, etc.
* Must be able to safely operate and maintain farm equipment (tractors, tillage equipment, planters, sprayers, irrigation equipment, etc.).
* Must possess or have the ability to acquire a commercial pesticide applicator license for the State of North Carolina.
* Knowledge of facilities and building maintenance, with a willingness to engage necessary local vendors to complete repairs and preventative maintenance.
* Willingness to work hours required for successful farm management (hours will vary by season, with spring and summer being more busy).
* Strong communication skills and ability to work with a team.
* Ability to develop farm operating budget and manage expenses accordingly.
* Ability to work independently, schedule and prioritize tasks, and solve problems as they arise.

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