

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Lincoln, Southern and Central Nye Counties

Location of Veterinary Shortage:

 (e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position:

Rachel (89001), Hiko(81017) or Beatty (89003)

 (e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other : _____

Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- Food Safety
- Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The objective of attracting a veterinarian to Lincoln and South/Central Nye Counties is to provide basic veterinary services for livestock (mostly beef cattle, 15,000 head in Lincoln and approx. 10,000 in south/central Nye). Currently 'emergency' veterinary services are required by a formerly retired veterinarian who currently resides close to Hiko, Lincoln Co because he cannot deny veterinary services to people who would not be able to obtain it otherwise. The currently established Veterinary practice is in Ely, White Pine Co. 140 miles north of Heiko.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

2008 Census indicates that there are 109 farms and ranches in Lincoln Co and approximately 80 farms and ranches in south central Nye County. The populations in these respective geographical areas are 4,184 inhabitants and 20,000 respectively. Residents of Pioche, Panaca and Caliente either have to travel to Ely, NV or St. George, UT to obtain veterinary services. Residents of Hiko rely on the limited services provided by the retiree. Almost all communities in this area have 4H programs; agriculture and mining are the primary source of income. Several of the premises that currently only produce hay used to be livestock operations which currently limit their production to crops because of the lack of veterinary services. Scope of work would include primarily beef cattle herd health programs, sheep and meat goat health programs as well as stock horses and companion horses as well as companion animals. There are no animal control agencies in the area and assistance to the community under the rabies control program would very likely be part of the practice as well. Several of the 4H groups also raise pigs which currently have to be quarantined at local fairgrounds until brucellosis and pseudorabies results are reported. Additionally residents in these counties usually have some pigs which they fatten for custom slaughter, as well as back yard poultry for home consumption and sometimes limited local marketing of eggs.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

The State Veterinarian's office has not been involved in recruitment efforts in the past.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

There is a risk of losing any veterinary service in the area in the near future. Several beef cattle operations have been under hold order under the state trich program for more than a year because producers claim they cannot obtain veterinary services to get the mandatory services accomplished. Many cats and dogs in the area remain unvaccinated or are late on re-vaccinations despite mandatory rabies vaccination in NV because owners are often not willing or able to travel the long distances to currently existing veterinary offices.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

Not considered at this time.

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