

# 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.

Greer County

Location of Veterinary Shortage: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or  
 Location of Position: Mangum in Greer County, Oklahoma  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(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).

There are 30,000 beef cattle, 16,000 beef cows, 200 sows (mostly show pig producers), and 1300 sheep and goats in this rural county of 6,300 people. 3,000 of those people live in the county seat of Mangum. The objectives of a veterinarian in this area will be to provide service to the livestock producers in the area as well as provide needed services to companion animals and equines. A veterinarian is expected to devote at least 50% of his/her time to practicing food animal medicine. The successful applicant for this area will be expected to become involved in community functions in order to develop the good will necessary to build a practice in a rural area. It will be important to work with 4-H and FFA groups in the county. This county has a small population and assistance with loan repayment will be very important to a young veterinarian becoming established in the area.

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).

This county consists of mostly cow/calf beef operations. The food animal medicine is steady year around with peak activity in the fall and spring. There is a show swine presence, so the veterinarian should have the desire and ability to work with swine and their owners. Goats make up a small part of the food animal population. There are also needs for equine, exotic, and companion animal veterinary care in the area. This area will require a veterinarian to do some mobile work.

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).

Greer County has one 80 year old veterinarian who does companion animal work. When he retires there will be a definite void for a companion animal, as well as a food animal and equine veterinarian. Lawton is 80 miles away, has a population of 96,000 and offers good dining, shopping, and entertainment opportunities. This area offers many opportunities for hunting, fishing, and camping at Quartz Mountain State Park and Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. There are several veterinarians in surrounding counties to provide mentoring to a young veterinarian.

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).

The initial consequence of the position not being filled is that the livestock population and the producers will be underserved. General herd health will suffer and producers will have a more difficult time being profitable. Producers will have to transport their animals farther or pay more to have out of the area veterinarians to come to their premise. More far reaching and potentially more dangerous consequences are not having a veterinarian in the local area as the first line of defense to diagnose and report foreign animal diseases and/or zoonotic diseases that could have a detrimental impact on the health and economy of the area and possibly the entire state and the nation. A practicing veterinarian in local areas is a point of contact for state and federal animal health officials and is a valuable liaison between animal health officials and the livestock producers.

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.

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