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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.

Johnston County

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

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position: Tishomingo in Johnston 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 40,000 beef cattle, 200 sows (mostly show pig producers), and 3,000 sheep and goats in this rural county of 10,000 people. 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. If a veterinarian is to be successful in this county he/she should become involved in civic organizations and activities. 4-H and FFA are important organizations in this county and a veterinarian should be involved with those groups. A veterinarian is expected to devote at least 40% of his/her time to practicing food animal medicine.

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 strong show swine presence in the county so the veterinarian should have the desire and ability to work with swine and their owners. Goats are becoming more numerous and the veterinarian should have or be willing to acquire a working knowledge of their needs. There are needs for equine, exotics, and companion animals in the area, and this person is expected to help fill those needs. Murray State College is in this county so the veterinarian will have the opportunity to work with the agriculture and veterinary technology programs at MSC.

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).

A veterinarian who practiced food animal medicine retired from this area five years ago. He was unable to find a veterinarian to take over the practice at that time. There is currently a young veterinarian attempting to reestablish the practice. Population centers of approximately 25,000 people are within 40 miles in three directions to provide opportunities for dining and entertainment. There are several veterinarians in those centers to provide mentoring to a young veterinarian in this county.

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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