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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS **Farming Two (2) Acres at the Agri-Nature Center**

The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, through this application process, is seeking a farmer who would be interested in farming two acres at the Agri-Nature Center, the two acre field is located in the Southeast corner of the Agri-Nature Center.

The farmer is required to keep this highly visible location neat and well maintained, is interested in growing something unique that would work in conjunction with the mission of the Agri-Nature Center, and is also interested in promoting education and using the site to collaborate on teaching agricultural practices to the public.

The application(s) will be reviewed by a well-qualified team of experts, the application that best aligns with the mission and goals of the Village will be then be recommended to Village Staff for consideration.

- The fields are leased at \$150/acre.
- Application period is from Monday, March 18, 2024, at 10:00am to Monday, April 1, 2024, by 5:00pm, MST.
- Responses to the application must be received by the deadline date and time listed above and must be sent either by email or hand delivered to 6718 Rio Grande Blvd., NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107.

Attn:
Danielle Sedillo-Molina
Village Clerk/CPO
dmolina@losranchosnm.gov

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The application must be filled out in its entirety, otherwise, it will be considered non-responsive.

- 1) **Farming Entity.** Please identify the entity that will conduct the farming. If this entity is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership, in addition to the name, address, and contact information for the entity, include the names of all individual principals of the corporate or partnership entity.
- 2) **Introduction:** Provide a brief introduction of yourself and farming background
- 3) **Financial Ability.** Please describe in detail how the farming operations will be financed including such specific details as to the ability to plant, cultivate and harvest any crops, pay the agricultural rental and pay employees or agents who may work in the farming operation.
- 4) **Farming Approach.** Describe your approach to farming and what you are interested in growing
- 5) **Water.** Describe in detail the amount of water that will be required for your selected crops, the intervals at which water will be necessary and an irrigation plan for the crops.
- 6) **Soil Management.** Please provide a soil management plan that will be followed to care for and maintain the soil before crops are planted and after crops are harvested. Please include both soil management for Spring and Fall.

7) **Property Preparation.** What initial preparation of the property will be necessary before you commence farming operations? Is there an expectation that the Village of Los Ranchos will undertake such preparation? If the answer to the foregoing is in the affirmative, please describe in detail what preparations you would expect the Village of Los Ranchos to undertake.

8) **Crop Planning and Rotation.** If the lease continues for more than one growing season, do you have a plan to rotate crops? If so, please provide a detailed description of your crop rotation plan. Also please submit a crop plan for the parcels being farmed?

9) How does your plan align with the mission of the Agri-Nature Center?

10) How can you help promote research and/or education at the Agri-Nature Center through your farming?

11) Animal Husbandry Practices (if applicable) and Management under Lease.

A. Please list Feeding and Watering Practices.

B. Animal Wellbeing and Welfare Practices including injecting and vaccinations.

C. List the animal access to wholesome and nutritious feed. What food is given to the animals.

D. Appropriate infrastructure and environmental design for animals on property. i.e feeding bays, Animal Corrals for injections, boarding cattle.

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E. Please list the caring of and responsible planning and management of animals on property.

F. List the Skills, knowledge and conscientious animal care on the lands that's required on the land.

12) You will be required to provide a commercial general liability policy for the Village and lesee covering up to \$1,000,000.00, are you able to obtain this insurance?

13) Length of Lease: The proposed lease would be for two years with a possibility to extend for an additional two years. Would this fit the crop(s) you are proposing to grow?

Applicant:

Name (please print)

Date

Signature

For questions, please contact Danielle Sedillo-Molina, 505-344-6582 or dmolina@losranchosnm.gov

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