

# **STA Laboratories, Inc.**

## **SEED QUALITY SERVICES**

### **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

STA Laboratories is a technology-based, diagnostic services, laboratory for agriculture, focusing on the inputs (seed and genetically propagated material). We are the only independent agricultural product testing lab that offers seed quality, genomics, plant health services, and diagnostic products to the seed and plant industry. We help clients make objective product decisions that help manage risk, ensure quality, and improve genetics. This ultimately results in increased profits for our clients.

#### **Job Category:**

Bacterial Fruit Blotch Program Leader / Longmont, Colorado

#### **Job Description:**

The Seed Health department at STA Laboratories, Inc., in Longmont, Colorado, is seeking a full-time employee to lead and coordinate our Bacterial Fruit Blotch testing program at that location. This position requires direct involvement in the daily testing activities for all client seed samples that are received for bacterial fruit blotch testing and ensure that all processing occurs in an accurate and timely manner, while upholding our standards for superior customer service and quality. The position requires the applicant to manage the planning, planting, growth, evaluation, verification and reporting of bacterial fruit blotch tests in a year around greenhouse complex. This is a supervisory position and interacts closely with other seed health programs, Departments and Business units within STA Laboratories. This position entails direct contact with clients, members of industry and/or university groups. Research will be conducted only in the context of developing new and improved testing methods.

#### **Job Requirements:**

Candidates should possess a MS degree in Plant Pathology with extensive laboratory experience and greenhouse management skills. Individuals with a BS Degree and extensive seed health testing experience on vegetable seeds will also be considered. Experience with molecular techniques is beneficial as well as experience with ELISA, pathogen culture and storage, and plant diagnostics. A good background with fungal or viral plant pathogens is advantageous. The successful candidate will have good supervisory abilities, excellent customer service skills, self-motivation, and the ability to work unsupervised and successfully within the Seed Health Team. A good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Access, Excel and Outlook is essential. The position requires a minimum of 40 hours per week and the ability to lift 30 pounds.

STA offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package that includes medical, dental and vision insurance, 401K, profit sharing and bonus programs. Compensation is commensurate with experience and must fit within the STA employee matrix.

Closing Date: Open until filled

Please send resumes and contact information for three references to:

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