FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

TITLE: Professor and Willard R. Sparks Endowed Chair of Agribusiness Studies

NATURE OF POSITION: The Chair will be a tenured full professor with an 11-month appointment of approximately 25% teaching and 75% research. The Chair status of the position is subject to review every five years.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Sparks Chair is endowed through a gift from Willard R. Sparks, founder and chairman of the board of Sparks Companies, Inc. The holder of the Sparks Chair will be expected to conduct a nationally recognized research and teaching program in the general area of agribusiness. Specific responsibilities will be dependent upon the individual hired, but potentially include the following:

- Focus on one or more subject matter areas of agribusiness; such as management, marketing, finance or international trade
- Provide leadership for departmental programs in agribusiness
- Publish in leading professional journals
- Communicate research results to industry groups and policy makers
- Coordinate appropriate research efforts with extension faculty
- Secure extramural support to supplement agribusiness research and teaching programs
- Teach approximately one course per semester at the graduate or undergraduate level and advise graduate and/or undergraduate students
- Coordinate the Sparks Scholar-in-Residence program
- Lead and participate in interdisciplinary research programs

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. degree in agricultural economics, economics, business administration or other related discipline, with a distinguished record of research, teaching, and/or experience in agribusiness. The successful candidate must have demonstrated an ability to work effectively with departmental and inter-disciplinary university faculty groups, agribusiness firms, and government agencies.

SALARY: Competitive

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of all applications will begin November 30, 2001 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of application, resume, and the name, address, and phone number for three references. Application material should be mailed to:

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