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TO: Designated Employer Representatives/Human Resources Directors  
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FROM: Torre L. Walls  
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SUBJECT: Notice of Specification/Examination Revision for the Agricultural Animal  
Research Technician Series

DATE: August 12, 2009

Consistent with our transition to electronic testing options, the State Universities Civil Service System (System Office) is proposing a revision to the classification plan for the Agricultural Animal Research Technician series. In this instance, our primary objective is to simply convert the current examinations to Knowledge Test or to a Credentials Assessment model, which can be easily delivered in an electronic format. This conversion should prove to be more efficient and effective in addressing the applicant recruitment and employment components in this occupational area.

This proposal is to notify you of our planned conversion from the current Knowledge Test contained in this series to a combination of Knowledge Test and Credentials Assessment format within our E-Test delivery system. We do not plan to substantively revise the classification specifications for this series, but merely combine similar classifications into a single series and minimally change the specification format to coincide with our standardized model. The proposed classification specification is attached for your review and comments and may also be viewed on our website, [www.sucss.state.il.us](http://www.sucss.state.il.us), in the Classification Status Notice section. Confidential examination materials will be distributed at a later date to meeting participants.

**Current Classes**

Field Worker

Farm Laborer, Farmer, Herder,  
Poultry Worker, Dairy & Food Plant  
Attendant

Farm Foreman, Herder Foreman,  
Poultry Worker Foreman

Supervising Farm Foreman, Farm Manager

**Proposed Classes**

Agricultural Animal Research Technician I

Agricultural Animal Research Technician II

Agricultural Animal Research Technician III

Agricultural Animal Research Technician IV

This proposal will be formally reviewed at a meeting to be conducted on **August 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** You are invited to attend the meeting at the System Office, by teleconference or by videoconference. We ask that each employer utilizing these classifications to please participate in this process. Due to the minor revisions to the class specifications and examination, we do not anticipate a lengthy meeting. Conference call information will be sent prior to the meeting date along with examination information. For onsite participation, examination information will be distributed upon arrival to the System Office. ***If you plan to utilize videoconference for your participation, please indicate your IP address.***

Please share this information as required, but keep in mind that the purpose of this meeting is to simply change the delivery format of the examination from an applicant-rated paper format to an employer-rated electronic test. Please contact Torre Walls at (217) 278-3150, Ext. 230, or by email at [torrew@sucss.state.il.us](mailto:torrew@sucss.state.il.us) if you need any additional information or clarification.

Classification/Examination Review: Agricultural Animal Research Technician Series

Meeting Date: **August 20, 2009, 2:00 p.m.**

University/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please respond August 19, 2009 if your university/agency plans to participate in the Class Specification and Examination Review Meeting.***

***Please indicate which method of participation you will utilize below.  
(Teleconference, Videoconference or Physically Attending)***

Name	Position	Department	E-mail Address	Method of Participation