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In continuation to our earlier advertisement dt. 3rd August 2015, APEDA invites fresh applications from eligible experts/candidates to provide services on contract basis as **Advisor (NAB) for organic products** under National Promotion for Organic Production.

Age limit as on 01.07.2015	65 years
Educational Qualification	Post graduate in agriculture, bio-technology, food technology or in a related subject.
Experience	10 years of which 5 years either in developmental work in public/private sector including research or in implementation of Organic Standards. Should have working knowledge in computers.
Tenure	Normally the appointment shall be for two years. However, the Competent Authority reserves the right to extend or curtail the period.
Fees	Rs. One lakh p.m. plus applicable service tax. This can be negotiated also.

The scope of work and other details are available in APEDA's website www.apeda.gov.in under the heading Recruitment. Applications are to be submitted to the General Manager (P&A) so as to reach him on or before 14 days from the date of appearance of the advertisement.

Those who have applied for the above position in response to our advertisement dt. 3rd August 2015 need not apply again.

SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE CONTRACTUAL POSITION OF ADVISOR (NAB) FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS

A. STANDARDS SETTING AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Regularly examine international standards such as those of Codex, IFOAM, and of the EU, US etc. and suggest measures for NPOP;
- Contribution to the CODEX standards for labeling of organic products;
- Contribution to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) with regard to the criteria of ISO-65, ISO-17011, multilateral agreements with other member countries and contribution to other activities of IAF;
- Implementation of NPOP standards;
- Maintenance of Quality Management System in Organic Division as per ISO-17011.

B. ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

- Screening and evaluation of eligible applications for accreditation as inspection and certification agency;
- Evaluation of testing laboratories for accreditation;
- Facilitate work of NAB in the accreditation process for NPOP and NOP;
- Annual surveillance of inspection and certification agencies and appraise NAB on the follow up action to be taken;
- Assessment for extension of accreditation of certifying bodies;
- Handling of complaints and appeals.

C. PACKAGES OF PRACTICES

- Preparation of product-specific and location-specific package of practices;
- Vetting of package of practices for various products.

D. WEB-BASED TRACEABILITY SYSTEM

- Strengthening of the system to ensure uniformity in the application of NPOP and NOP standards;
- Monitoring of the certification bodies using the MIS reports generated through the TraceNet;
- Extending the traceability system to the accreditation process.

E. IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL SCHEMES BY APEDA

- Implement the APEDA financial schemes in respect of organic products.

F. BILATERAL CO-OPERATION WITH TRADING PARTNERS

- Take necessary initiatives for equivalence with trading partners;
- Facilitating review audits by regulatory bodies of importing countries, e.g., EU-FVO and USDA Missions, etc.

G. CAPACITY BUILDING

- Capacity building for setting up of certification programs by State Govt.;
- Capacity building of APEDA officers and the Evaluation Committee.

H. ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN BY THE NAB OR APEDA
