**RFA Questionnaire**

***Family Investors seek Soil-Friendly Farmer in Northeast Illinois to be Partner in Their Search to Purchase Farmland for a Long-Term Lease Agreement***

1. **Personal Information**
2. Name (First, Last)
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Farm Name
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Mailing Address
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Email Address
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Phone Number
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
7. Farm Website (if appliable)
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
8. **Farming Business/History**
9. What is your history of farming? How many years have you farmed independently?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
10. What do you grow?
    1. Click or tap here to enter text.
11. How would you describe your farming approach? (Certified organic? Regenerative? Conservation-oriented?) What practices do you follow?
    1. Click or tap here to enter text.
12. What is your vision and your goals for your farm business in the coming 5-10 years?
    1. Click or tap here to enter text.
13. How do you market what you grow?
    1. Click or tap here to enter text.

**3. Farmland Leasing and Ownership**

1. How many acres are you currently farming? How many do you own and how many do you rent?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Where is the land you own and lease?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. If you do have a lease or leases, what kind of leases are they and what kind of leases would be ideal for you in general (crop share, cash rental, written vs oral, etc.)?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
4. How well do you know the farmland real estate market in your area?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Ideally, how many total acres would you be farming?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.

**4. Finances**

1. Briefly describe how you manage your finances over the course of a year.
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. How would you describe the financial health of your farm business?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Please provide whatever information you feel comfortable sharing that would show that you are very likely to be in business for the next decade or more (balance sheet, business plan, etc.)
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.

**5. Skills/Experience**

1. Do you have any other skills or experience that are applicable to the situation described in this RFA?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Do you have any experience, knowledge, and interest in helping steward edge of field practices and/or more natural areas of a property (brush control, prescribed burns, etc.)?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Do you have any experience with applying and implementing government programs, like CRP and EQIP?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.

**6. Farmland Opportunities**

1. Do you already know of farmland purchase opportunities you would have that fit your criteria for production and the criteria of the family? If so, please briefly describe.
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In what area would you want to find farmland property to lease from the family described in this RFA? In what county or counties is that area? Do properties come up for sale regularly that would fit your criteria and criteria of the family?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Any other comments/ideas on how you would be able to locate property for purchase quickly and efficiently if the family decided to collaborate with you?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
4. What are the characteristics of the ideal farmland property you would like to lease for your farming operation? Soils? Topography? Infrastructure?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.
5. What difference would additional acres mean to you and your business in the short-term and the long-term?
   1. Click or tap here to enter text.

Thank you for your application. Please save this document as

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We appreciate your interest!