**IOIA BASIC CROP INSPECTION**

**TRAINING APPLICATION**

**Frankfort, Kentucky**

**November 4 – 8, 2024**

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*Welcome! We are glad you are applying, or are considering applying, to the Crop Inspection Training in Kentucky. The project goal includes appealing to, including, and welcoming a broader and more diverse pool of potential inspectors than currently exists.*

 *This section will ask you to share some information about yourself.  Clear and complete information in this section is essential to evaluate each application with consistency and fairness, and to take steps toward intended project outcomes. Please read each section carefully including all descriptions and instructions.*

#### Part I: General Information:

To take this course, you must have written and spoken proficiency in English. Proficiency in additional languages, particularly Spanish or French, is also highly valued. Please list languages in addition to English and (C) for Conversational, (F) Fluent, and (R) Read Only Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please help us be as inclusive as possible by sharing your identity. This is the only area in the application process where we ask for identity/demographic information.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone No: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text. State: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. In your own words, please share your preferred pronouns, age, race, ethnicity, gender(s), preferred name(s), and anything else that is important to your identity. Example: *"I am a biracial, Native person that uses he/him pronouns, and I am 39 years old."* Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Do you possess sufficient mobility to navigate uneven ground on farm or livestock facilities, ladders, and small walkways? [ ]  YES / [ ]  NO
3. Check the highest academic education Completed (include major(s):

 [ ]  High School [ ]  Associate’s Degree [ ]  Bachelor’s Degree [ ]  Master’s Degree

 [ ]  Doctorate’s Degree

 [ ]  Other Related Educational Experiences Please explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

 b. List major(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are you currently an organic inspector? [ ] Yes [ ]  No
2. If yes, how many years / estimate inspections, and what agencies have you inspected for?

 Click or tap here to enter text.

 b. If no, explain why you want to take the course? Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do you plan to become an organic inspector after completing this course? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

7. Two Professional references (Name, address, and phone #)

 1. Click or tap here to enter text.

 2. Click or tap here to enter text.

1. If you are not an IOIA Member, List Inspector Trainings Seminars attended, and year (if any) Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Finally, please share any additional information relevant to this program about yourself, your experience, and your knowledge & skills not already covered by application questions.

 Click or tap here to enter text.

**Be clear, concise, and complete. Your writing skills are evaluated as part of the acceptance criteria. Your related experience and education will be considered in the selection process. Use additional pages if necessary. We do not expect you to know all the answers but we use these to assess your knowledge base.**

#### Part II: Basic Organic Crop Inspection Training Application:

1. What do you feel are your responsibilities as an organic inspector? Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Please describe your background in the following areas:

1. Professional/technical background in agricultural production. Please list employment and/or experience, including both organic and agricultural activities. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Agricultural seminars attended: Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Organic and/or environmental activities: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. What types of organic farming/livestock operations have you inspected, if any? Click or tap here to enter text.

4. As a candidate for this training, you are expected to have prior knowledge of organic practices. Define the following terms as they relate to organic farm inspection:

1. Audit trail - Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Fertility management - Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Buffer zones - Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Sources of seeds and planting stock - Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Residue Analysis - Click or tap here to enter text.

#### Part III: Skill Level and Training Agreement

**Writing Skill**

[ ]  Needs Improvement [ ]  Average [ ]  Excellent

**Verbal Skills**

[ ]  Needs Improvement [ ]  Average [ ]  Excellent

**Listening Skills**

[ ]  Needs Improvement [ ]  Average [ ]  Excellent

**Computer Literacy Skills**

[ ]  Needs Improvement [ ]  Average [ ]  Excellent

**I agree that the information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**This course is taught in English. Are you fluent in reading, writing, and speaking the English language?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**I understand that successful completion of this course does not guarantee future inspection contracts.**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**I understand that falsely representing my experience and background is grounds for disqualification from IOIA trainings.**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**I understand that it is necessary to achieve a passing score on the course assignments to receive a Certificate of Completion**.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**I understand that there is no cost to participate in this course. However, if accepted, I agree to complete pre- and post-training evaluations to modify and improve future training sessions (see below for more information).**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**Part IV:  REGISTRATION PAGE -** (All applicants must complete)

IOIA is working in partnership with Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Kentucky State University; and the Organic Association of Kentucky. This team seeks to strengthen a career pipeline to bring on new inspectors from a variety of related backgrounds including practical farm experience and related educational tracks in the agricultural and environmental sciences.

There are no registration fees for qualified participants in this course. In lieu of a registration fee, participants agree to complete pre and post training evaluations.

The course is limited to 16 participants. Considerations for acceptance include qualifications and our goal of gathering a diverse cohort of participants.

This project is supported through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

The three components of equity, diversity, and inclusion, (DEI) together with access, engagement, and retention, are essential to the success of our project. Diversity is recognized and valued as a basic tenet in organic production.

By checking this box [ ]  I agree to the terms and conditions set forth by IOIA in this application.

**Please email application and résumé to:** ioiassistant@rangeweb.net

If you are in need of any assistance, please contact IOIA via phone: (406) 436-2031

***Signature (typed or digital signature accepted):***

 Click or tap here to enter text. Or print, sign manually, and scan to submit:

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***Date:*** Click or tap here to enter text.