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Reference: Associate Professor, [Job Code:RJZHCR]

Dear Dr. Rosario A. Salas,

As a former faculty member of the Visayas State University (VSU), I am delighted to contact you to express my interest in the Associate Professor job posting of the Department of Horticulture. With over 10 years of teaching experience in VSU and nearly 15 years of experience in the vegetable seed industry and germplasm conservation, I am eager to return to the university and use my experiences and skills to contribute to strengthening the VSU's academic, research and conservation programs.

My positions at East West Seed Company and at WorldVeg have honed my leadership and management skills and interpersonal communication, working with functional and global teams and collaborators. I also had the opportunity to coach young professionals, interns and graduate students in my capacity as Adjunct Associate Professor of the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. Further, I have demonstrated expertise in fund sourcing, project management and external partnerships which can be harnessed in building up VSU's strength in these areas. Both organizations that I worked for have recognized me as a prime mover of innovative ideas and a strategist that brings solutions to problems.

I know VSU is continuously upgrading the quality of its human resource to maintain global competitiveness and stay true to its mission and vision. I am excited at the prospect of bringing my knowledge and expertise to VSU as a member of its faculty. I enclosed my curriculum vitae, resume, references and other information for your reference.

I look forward to hearing from you to discuss how my experience and qualifications will prove valuable in the Associate Professor role.

Thank you and best regards,

Marilyn Belarmino

P.S. I would love to share with you a strategic plan which may be applicable for medium-term planning of the Department of Horticulture.