

# Ground Work Application

Effective strategies for teaching tractor skills and farm mechanization decision-making.

Ground Work is seeking a diverse group of technical assistance providers, agricultural educators and farmer-educators from the Northeast to participate in this train-the-trainer project.

We anticipate that participants will be diverse in experience, geography, and learner audience, and will apply what they learn in a variety of ways – as lead instructors, program assistants, one-on-one coaches etc.

**Not sure if this program is for you?** Read the [Ground Work Program Description](#), or contact Kristen Mullins at 802-656-2034 or [kristen.mullins@uvm.edu](mailto:kristen.mullins@uvm.edu) with your questions.

The application deadline is Dec. 20, 2013. Space is limited and submission of this form does not guarantee acceptance in the program.

Acceptance to the program will be confirmed by January 6th at the latest.

This program is funded by Northeast SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education) Program.

Name \*

First

Last

Email \*

Organization/Farm

Position/Role at organization/farm

Address \*

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Phone Number

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I am a

farmer

agricultural educator

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technical service provider

other

If you selected other, please describe.

In 100 words or less, please explain your interest in Ground Work. Be sure to include how participation in the project applies to your work.

Maximum Allowed: **100** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

How do you anticipate using the training you receive through Ground Work?

Offer workshops for beginning farmers, farm apprentices and farm workers.

Incorporate materials and approaches into an existing training/educational program.

Support individual farmers in decision-making regarding mechanization and farm development.

Other

If you selected other, please briefly describe how you anticipate using the training.

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## Accommodations

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Kristen by December 20, 2013 so we may assist you.

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## Project Commitment

Please check all of the items below:

I understand that this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the Ground Work program.

By submitting this form, I commit to the following training and post-training activities in 2014 and 2015 \*

Yes.

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Complete self-evaluation surveys to assess my tractor education/farm mechanization knowledge and priorities for training.

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Participate in 5 online learning sessions in 2014;

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Attend an in-person training at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, VT – May 21 or May 22, 2014;

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Offer tractor workshops and/or one-on-one support and coaching to farmer audiences within 1 year of completing the training;

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Participate in up to 3 peer-to-peer sharing sessions (online/teleconference) in late 2014 and 2015 ;

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Provide Ground Work staff with information on tractor workshops and/or one-on-one support and coaching that you deliver.

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After you hit submit, you will receive an email from us containing a copy of your application.

To complete the application process,

-- Print the email;

-- Sign it (next to your name above); and

-- Obtain your supervisor's signature (next to his/her name below) if you will be

participating as an employee of an agency, organization or business.

Then return it via USPS, fax, or scan and attach it to an email to:

Kristen Mullins  
UVM Extension,  
655 Spear Street, Burlington, VT 05405  
Fax: (802) 656-5422  
kristen.mullins@uvm.edu

If you are self employed no supervisor signature is necessary.

Supervisor's name

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