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The AVMA received the following email from Orli Handmaker, Program Recruiter for the [Farmer-to-Farmer \(F2F\) program of the Agriculture and Food Security Partners of the Americas](#), and asked if it could be distributed. It describes the following two short-term consulting opportunities for veterinarians.

Background on the F2F program from Orli:

F2F promotes economic development and food security abroad by sending volunteer agricultural specialists from the U.S. to provide technical assistance to foreign producers, cooperatives, agribusinesses, NGO's, and educational institutions. Assignment goals vary depending on the needs of in-country host organizations and typically last 2-3 weeks.

In appreciation of the volunteer's service, F2F covers the cost of all assignment-related expenses including travel, food, and lodging.

The opportunities forwarded by Orli are as follows:

1. Veterinary Specialist (Internal Medicine)

(Guyana, October 30-November 19, 2016)

The purpose of this project is twofold: first, the goal is for the volunteer to train the members of the Guyana Livestock Development Authority (GLDA) in diagnosing and dealing with internal medicine issues in livestock; second, the volunteer will present at the 29th Biennial Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association Conference (November 14-27, 2016) on the topic of challenges and solutions in veterinary internal medicine for both large and small livestock. Prior to the time in country, the volunteer will participate in planning meetings leading up to the assignment. While in country, the volunteer will visit farms and facilities of the GLDA, assess their practices and facilities, and recommend changes for improvement. The ideal volunteer for this project will have a degree in veterinary medicine, at least 5 years of experience in the field, and experience working in low income tropical countries and with small scale farmers. The deliverables for this project are trainings for the GLDA staff, the presentation at the conference, a blog post and/or outreach activity, a trip report, and recommendations for further work.

2. Veterinary Specialist (Pathology)

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FOR PARTIES INTERESTED IN EITHER PROJECT AND AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF NOVEMBER: please contact Orli Handmaker directly with your CV and your availability information. Let her know at that time if you have any questions or would like further information so that she can arrange a time to discuss details with you in more depth. Furthermore, if you are interested in one of the above opportunities and have a colleague who you would like to travel with and who would be qualified for the other opportunity, let Orli know.

These two assignments will overlap and the volunteers will work as a team, so F2F would be delighted to consider a team of two who already know each other.

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