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Atlantic Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) – seeking applicants for Class 8.

Gearing up for its eighth class, the Atlantic Agriculture Leadership Program is seeking candidates to participate in expanding and enhancing their knowledge and leadership in the agri-food sector.

“The sector is always seeking, and need people with an interest and skills to get involved and take on leadership roles.” noted Chairperson Jennifer MacDonald “leadership skills can also be a big benefit within one’s own agri-business operation.”

Over an 18 month period, accepted participants from the Atlantic Provinces will gather in various locations of the region and work through seminars and study tours to help develop solid leadership skills.

The program, established in 1994 with a few founding members from New Brunswick, was incorporated as a not for profit organization in 2004 and expanded to accept candidates from the four Atlantic provinces. To date, 128 participants have successfully completed the course and many have gone on to active roles in various sectors, locally, regionally and at national level.

The program relies on funding support from a combination of participants’ tuition, class fund raising and government/private sector sponsorship.

If you would like to improve your leadership skills along with others who also share an interest in food production; this may be the program you have been looking for. Expressions of interest are to be submitted no later than November 15, 2011. Anticipated starting date is early winter.

For more information, you may visit the website at www.agleaders.ca or contact AALP’s Executive Director Monique McTiernan at: aalp@rogers.com or call **506-204-5976**.