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Dear potential seed grower,

Thanks for expressing interest in growing seed for Fedco. Because of this interest, I'm sending the enclosed application to you. If you remain interested, please return it so I can include you in my file of potential growers and attempt to fit you into the puzzle of getting the seed grown this year.

In general, we have a fairly strong need for squash growers, which take up a lot of room and need large isolation distances. If this is something you think you can do, please describe your isolation distances from neighbors' gardens and what kind of terrain covers the distance in between. We also have a need for small lots of peas to be grown out in a climate that differs from the humidity of New England in order to prevent seed borne pea diseases, as well as small lots of soybeans. And pole beans are a crop for which we still seek competent growers. In addition we need growers of crops that are biennial. These crops may need some sort of storage set-up to keep the crops from freezing between the first year and the second. Carrots also need to be isolated from Queen Anne's Lace. If you have these prerequisites, I would appreciate more elaboration.

Herbs and flowers are also specialty areas in which we are increasing our contract seed growing. As always, we strive to increase our offerings of organic seed, so that is a strong consideration when looking for new growers. However, I want your choice to be based primarily on how well a certain crop does for you, as well as how much you enjoy growing it. I find that growers do best with the crops they like the most. I look forward to your reply.

In co-operation



Nikos Kavanya
Purchaser

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Fedco Seeds Seed Growers Application 2018

Name_____e-mail_____

Address_____Phone_____

Town_____State_____Zip_____ FAX: _____

Years gardened_____Years in same spot_____Soil type_____

Average number of frost-free days_____Have a greenhouse?_____

Have Irrigation?_____Smoke tobacco?_____GMO crops nearby?_____

Acreage available for seed production_____Minimum acreage I would consider_____

Organic practice?_____Organic certification? _____By Whom?_____

Biodynamic_____BD Cert?_____IPM_____Commercial_____Other_____

Crops which do well for me:

Crops which do poorly for me:

Crops which I would like to grow:

Check all of the following which apply:

_____I have grown seed	_____I know how to hand pollinate
_____I have experience in breeding	_____I have experience doing selections
_____I would be willing to grow biennial crops	_____I am a commercial farmer
_____I would be willing to grow seed potatoes	_____I am an experienced gardener
_____I would be willing to grow grains	_____I know about isolations
_____I have access to field inspectors	_____I have cleaning equipment

Please tell us a little bit about what you do now, what you would like to do, and why you want to grow seed for Fedco. Also tell us how you would control disease problems, rogue for off types, and ensure a quality product. Feel free to expand on any of the above check offs.

Do you have a copy of Suzanne Ashworth's Seed to Seed? _____

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2018 CONTRACT FOR GROWING SEED CROPS FOR FEDCO SEEDS, INC.

The grower, _____, agrees to contract with Fedco Seeds, Inc. to produce a certified organic seed crop of the following variety during the 2018 season:

<u>amount</u>	<u>variety</u>	<u>minimum germ</u>	<u>price per unit</u>
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(xxx' isolation distance)

1). Stock seed Fedco will provide the grower with sufficient initial stock seed at no cost, or, if the grower provides initial stock seed, Fedco will recompense grower for the cost. Unplanted stock seed provided by Fedco remains Fedco's property. Regular growers for Fedco are encouraged to save their own stock seed of crops that they intend to grow again next year.

2). Risk of genetic contamination The grower agrees to contact Fedco Seeds if there are any genetically modified crops of the same species as a seed crop being grown within 10 miles of said seed crop. This notification must be made prior to the planting of the seed crop. Fedco reserves the right to reject any seed crop that it believes poses the risk of genetic contamination from either genetically modified or non-genetically modified crops.

3). Duty to inspect and apprise The grower agrees to monitor regularly for the presence of off-types and disease, to rogue off-types, to report occurrences of significant varietal contamination or the presence of potentially seed-borne disease to Fedco as soon as noticed, and to co-operate with Fedco in using university and extension disease testing facilities as needed, and employ any recommended preventive measures. In addition, growers who smoke tobacco (or who employ smokers) agree to follow preventative measures to prevent Tobacco Mosaic Virus from affecting seed crops.

4). Fedco inspections Fedco will be permitted to inspect the grower's field at any time by prior appointment.

delivered seed on the contract, and in all cases will make such payments within 30 days. It is understood that germination testing could take up to four months, especially if there is a problem which requires a second test for any lots in question.

8). Standards Minimum germination standards are set forth in each contract and will vary from crop to crop. In the event of a dispute about germination both parties agree that a test submitted to the Seed Testing Laboratory of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry in Harrisburg shall be the final arbiter. In a few cases, Fedco uses T-Z tests done by Hulsey Seed Laboratory in Decatur Georgia to ascertain herb viability, in which case they shall be the final arbiter. Fedco may choose to purchase seed which does not meet satisfactory germination standards but is under no contractual obligation to do so. Terms will be renegotiated for substandard seed with the purchase price lowered to reflect the quality of the seed. It is understood that substandard seed declines in value more than than the proportional drop in germination compared to the standard.

9). Purity Payment is for pure seed. If Fedco accepts inadequately cleaned seed, Fedco will not pay for any chaff taken out during the cleaning process at our warehouse. Growers unable to deliver clean seed must make special arrangements with Fedco. For seed requiring extensive cleaning or processing by our staff, Fedco may deduct a fee from our payment commensurate with the labor costs incurred in the cleaning process. The normal rate for cleaning seed is \$20 per hour, although Fedco may choose to waive part or all of that fee.

10). Documentation Proper organic certification paperwork, including the current 'product profile' must accompany the invoicing for seed sent before payment will be issued. A signed contract must be on file at Fedco before payment will be made.

_____	_____
purchaser, Fedco Seeds	grower
_____	_____
date	date

organic certifying agency: _____
producer # (required): _____