McGinnis Institute of Beet Sugar Technology Beet Sugar Agriculture School Thirty-third Year

PROSPECTUS FOR THE 2025 SESSION

Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26, 2025

Courtyard by Marriott Corvallis 400 SW 1st St. Corvallis, OR 97333

The Beet Sugar Agriculture School is sponsored and directed by the Beet Sugar Development Foundation on behalf of its Member and Associate Member Companies. It is a self-sustaining school of agriculture technology and practice.

Purpose

The purpose of this year's school is for students to learn about the basics of sugar beet seed production and breeding, as well as the latest technology and practices. The course will concentrate on, but not be exclusive to, that area of the country in which it is being held in any year. The school should increase the knowledge and heighten the awareness of its students to sugar beet seed production, processing, quality, and breeding.

Eligibility

There are no educational requirements for students. However, the courses will be taught at a college level. Course materials will be made available for student study and for future information.

Students are enrolled on the proposal of regular or associate member companies of the Beet Sugar Development Foundation. The BSDF Board of Directors approved attendance by students of nonmember companies on the following basis: *Each student must be sponsored by a member company*. In addition to the normal tuition, <u>a surcharge of \$400 per non-member student per session</u> will be assessed, and a letter of support from the sponsoring member company must be submitted to the BSDF office prior to registration. Space will be allocated to member company students first.

Prospective students will pay and register online. Credit cards will be accepted upon registration. Click on the link below to register. Registration closes on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 30</u>, <u>2025</u>.

Ag School Registration 2025

Cancellation Policy

No enrollment changes will be permitted after <u>**Tuesday**</u>. Any cancellation of any MIBST student enrollment received by May 20, 2025 for Ag School, is fully refundable. A fee of \$500 per student will be charged for any cancellation after May 20, 2025.

General Information

Tuition fees – The 2025 tuition for a BSDF member company student based on single occupancy is \$2,000. A surcharge of \$400 as described under **Eligibility** will be assessed to students currently employed by a non-member company. Tuition includes lodging for four nights at the Courtyard by Marriott Corvallis, instructor fees, supplies, breakfast, and meals as described below. There are no tuition discounts for making other lodging arrangements.

Meals – Breakfast, **for students only**, will be provided to students Monday through Wednesday. Breakfast will not be provided on Thursday; however breakfast is available for purchase at the hotel and nearby establishments. Light snacks and drinks during the morning and afternoon breaks will be available to students while class is in session. Lunch will be provided Monday through Thursday. Dinner will be provided Monday through Wednesday. Companies should provide students with an expense account for meals, other than the above.

Hotel accommodations – Tuition includes rooming at the Courtyard by Marriott Corvallis for four nights, beginning the Sunday before school starts and ending on Thursday. In addition, parking is included in tuition fees. Onsite overnight parking is available for standard-sized cars or vans (overhead clearance max is 7').

2025 Hotel check-in/check-out dates (included in tuition): Sunday, June 22 / Thursday, June 26

Any additional hotel nights outside of the check-in/check-out dates listed above will be charged to the student at the daily hotel rate.

<u>Unless other advance arrangements are made with the BSDF by the student and his/her</u> <u>company, all students will be housed at Courtyard by Marriott Corvallis</u>, 400 SW 1st St., Corvallis, OR 97333. It is imperative to let BSDF staff know <u>by May 20, 2025</u> if a student has decided not to stay at this hotel, as BSDF must inform the Hotel of the rooming list at that time. <u>Room reservations will be made by the Beet Sugar Development Foundation</u> for each student attending classes.

General Plan of Courses

The course will concentrate on sugar beet seed production. Appropriate reference materials will be provided.

Classes will also be held at the hotel. Registration will be on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 7:30AM in the meeting room. Class will end at <u>1:00 PM</u> on Thursday, June 26. <u>Students are required</u>

to attend the session in full to receive a certificate of completion. For those flying home, please do not make any travel arrangements for Thursday, June 26, before <u>5:00pm</u>.

Auditors will not be permitted in the classes, other than school officials, instructors and executives of Member and Associate Member Companies of BSDF. Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits will be offered for this session.

We look forward to your attendance at Ag School, a.k.a. "Beet School" in Corvallis, OR in 2025!

Sincerely,

Anna L. Murphy

Anna Murphy – Ag School Director Executive Vice President, BSDF