STAFF VACANCY

POSITION: Director
Center for Business and Information Technologies (CBIT)
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

RESPONSIBILITIES: As part of the Executive Team, the successful candidate will lead CBIT, a premier applied research center at UL Lafayette in the development and implementation of enterprise software systems and solutions. Along with the National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies (NIMSAT) Institute and the NSF Center for Visual and Decision Informatics (CVDI), these centers focus on transforming applied research into tools and applications that enhance decision support capabilities of clients within both the public and the private sectors. A significant amount of funds for these centers are self-generated through the development and successful execution of grants and contracts resulting in either exploratory or deliverable-based projects. The Director will support both research and software development components of the center by responding to funding opportunities from federal, state and industry agencies. He/she will focus on execution of funded projects by working with the core staff and students at the centers and by liaising with the community of researchers across the campus as well as public and private sector stakeholders, as appropriate. The Director will help to manage the design and delivery of projects ensuring on-cost, on-time delivery of project and contractual deliverables. The Director will ensure that all projects address the needs of IT systems security, reliability and quality of service requirements identified by sponsors and commensurate to the expectations of output from premier research centers of excellence.

CBIT’s mission includes education and training activities. The Director will develop initiatives and foster a culture that enhances the engagement of undergraduate and graduate students into the center’s research and software development efforts. The Director will lead the development and execution of professional certificate and training programs in areas of interest to CBIT, such as software development.

The Director is expected to play a major role in outreach efforts, leading the centers’ interactions with existing and potential clients for the execution of funded projects as well as the development of new proposals. He/she will lead efforts related to promotion and communication of the center’s mission and success stories to diverse stakeholder groups through personal as well as digital communications channels. Further, as part of the Executive Team, he/she will participate in the economic development activities as well as the development of strategic and business development plans and their implementation for CBIT consistent with the strategic imperatives of the University.

QUALIFICATIONS: Master’s degree (Ph.D. preferred) with more than 10 years of experience in the fields of Management, Information Technology or closely related field. The candidate must have background in managing and/or growing entrepreneurial organizations. The candidate must have demonstrated experience in business development in the context of IT organizations or consulting firms. Preference will be given to candidates with real-world industry experience in entrepreneurial settings and to those with strong academic credentials and software education and training experience.

ENVIRONMENT: CBIT is a recognized leader in technology-based economic development in the state of Louisiana. CBIT focuses its research, development and technology transfer activities on fostering technology-driven innovations in a wide range of application domains including healthcare, education, economic and workforce development. The NIMSAT Institute is a homeland security and disaster management institute with a focus on the development of public-private partnerships and the application of advanced information technologies to enhance the resiliency of the US to all-hazards, and to the mission of saving human lives. CVDI is an NSF Industry/University Cooperative Research Center (I/UCRC), the only of its kind in the U.S. addressing Big Data issues, and the first ever such center in the State of Louisiana. All three research centers operate under the umbrella of the Informatics Research Institute (IRI) at UL Lafayette and work synergistically with researchers across the university and public and private sector stakeholders in the broader community in the translation of knowledge into practical solutions and tools, through the application of information technology.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

APPLICATIONS: The search committee will review applications starting immediately and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should send a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and contact information of at least four references. Applications should be sent to:

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