Position: Operations Officer
National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies (NIMSAT) Institute
Informatics Research Institute (IRI)

Responsibilities:
The primary responsibility of the position is to provide strategic expertise and real-world experience in disaster management. In addition, the successful candidate will: Assist the NIMSAT Institute’s R&D team by identifying the operational research and technology needs in homeland security, cyber security, and emergency management efforts; critical infrastructure and supply chain risk and vulnerability assessments; public-private partnerships development; and community education and outreach efforts. Develop and participate in training certificate programs, and conduct exercises to assess public-private partnerships. Contribute to the advancement of the Institute by identifying opportunities for funding, assisting in the development of grant proposals, whitepapers, analyses, and reports. Apply lessons learned from disasters to R&D products of the NIMSAT Institute. Coordinate operations of the Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (LABEOC) by serving as the liaison between public and the private sector stakeholders.

Environment:
The Informatics Research Institute (IRI) conducts research and development for governmental and industrial partners in the design and implementation of solutions based on collection, management, and analysis of data and information. IRI leverages the expertise in its four constituent centers: the Center for Business & Information Technologies (CBIT) focuses its activities on fostering software and business analysis innovations and is a recognized leader in technology-based economic development in the state of Louisiana; the Center for Visual and Decision Informatics (CVDI) is an NSF Industry University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC), the only of its kind in the U.S. addressing Big Data and data science issues, and the first ever such center in the State of Louisiana; the Louisiana Center for Health Informatics (LCHI) focuses its activities in health informatics driven innovations in healthcare including such domains as public health, population health, healthcare policy, cost, quality outcomes, personalized medicine, and advanced analytics; and the National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies (NIMSAT) Institute has a focus on the development of public-private partnerships and the application of advanced information technologies and decision systems for homeland security and emergency management.

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree (advanced degree preferred) in Business, Management, Homeland Security, Communications or a closely related field. Applicants with appropriate military or intelligence experience, governmental or university work experience, or emergency management certifications will be strongly considered. Strong verbal and written communication skills coupled with excellent interpersonal skills are a requirement. Good organizational, managerial, analytical and problem solving skills are desired with preference to candidates demonstrating them in a public-private partnership context. Five (5) years of work experience in emergency management may substitute for the required bachelor’s degree.

University and Community:
The mission of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is to offer exceptional education informed by diverse world views striving to develop innovative leaders who advance knowledge. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges accredits the University, which offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in the arts, sciences, and professional programs. The University is a public research university with high research activity, an enrollment of over 18,000 students and 800 faculty members. UL Lafayette is the largest of nine universities in the University of Louisiana System. The University offers degree programs in 55 undergraduate disciplines, 15 post-bachelor certificates, seven graduate certificates, the master’s degree in 28 disciplines and the doctorate in 10 disciplines. Additional information about the University is available on the University’s webpage at http://louisiana.edu/.

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 name, address and telephone number of at least four references. Additional materials, of the candidate’s choice, may also be sent. Applications should be sent to: Operations Officer Position, Informatics Research Institute (IRI), 635 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70506 or email to: sdenton@louisiana.edu.