Position Available: Executive Director of CUAHSI

The Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science, Inc. (CUAHSI) is a 501(c)3 research organization representing more than 100 U.S. universities and international water science institutions. CUAHSI was incorporated in 2001 and receives core funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support the advancement of water science and engineering in the United States. In addition to education and outreach programs, CUAHSI operates the Water Data Center, which provides water researchers with state-of-the-art data publication, discovery, download, re-use, and archiving capabilities. CUAHSI has a staff of 10, including administrative personnel, with an annual budget of approximately $2.3M. CUAHSI offices are currently located in the Boston area. Additional information is at www.cuahsi.org

CUAHSI is seeking a new Executive Director with the vision and management skills to lead the consortium in its important role of advancing water science through community efforts such as: developing, supporting, and operating research infrastructure; improving access to data, information and models; articulating priorities for community-level water-related research and observations; facilitating interactions among the diverse water research community; promoting interdisciplinary education centered in water science; and translating scientific advancements into effective tools for water management and policy. The Executive Director also serves as President and hence as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The Executive Director/President reports to the Board of Directors.

Major responsibilities include:

1. Work with the Board of Directors and the hydrologic community to successfully implement CUAHSI’s mission and develop a strategic vision for the future directions of the Consortium
2. Develop new initiatives and enhance funding to support the mission of the Consortium
3. Implement programs and activities of the Consortium, as defined by the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee
4. Guide the Consortium’s process of long-term planning through consultation with the Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, and the research community
5. Develop a long-term financial and business plan
6. Liaise with the National Science Foundation, other Federal entities, and additional entities that provide support
7. Liaise with other earth-science consortia, including UNAVCO, UNIDATA, and UCAR, as well as with international bodies engaged in relevant water science and data activities
8. Represent the Consortium in national and international activities, associations, conferences and other public venues
9. Monitor and manage the Corporation’s finances
10. Supervise Consortium staff
11. Maintain official records and documents
12. Assure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations

Qualifications:

1) Doctoral degree in a water-science/engineering or related discipline with extensive experience with multi-disciplinary research
2) Demonstrated experience with Federal grants management
3) Demonstrated experience with leading major research programs and program management
4) Demonstrated experience with managing and supervising staff

The position is full time and relocation to Boston is preferable. However, both of these conditions may be negotiable. Salary will be commensurate with senior faculty positions and depends upon experience. The preferred start date is late 2016 but no later than February 2017.

To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter (including a statement of interest), curriculum vitae, and a list of at least three references to busmgr@cuahsi.org. Applications will be evaluated beginning January 15, 2016 and will be considered until the position is filled. Questions about the position can be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Professor Al Valocchi at valocchi@illinois.edu.