

POSITION DESCRIPTION

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO), Cenergy™

CSU Ventures, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation and agent for Colorado State University (CSU), invites applications for the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cenergy™, the business enterprise arm of CSU's Clean Energy Supercluster™. The COO will have primary operations management responsibility for the energy division, and will report directly to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the corporation.

The Cenergy™ COO will play a critical business development role as CSU implements its vision to become a premier 21st Century land-grant institution, recognized for the impact of its teaching, research, creative works and outreach. In furtherance of this vision, the University has embarked upon a bold new strategic plan to strengthen signature areas of research and intellectual excellence through the creation of subject area superclusters. Each of these superclusters brings together multidisciplinary capability to address one of the great global challenges of our time. Each supercluster will become a catalyst for research, talent development, technology development, industrial collaboration, technology commercialization, and economic development.

The ideal candidate, with strong managerial, operational and financial skills, will have a Masters or doctoral degree in a science discipline relevant to the energy industry, and extensive, hands-on experience as an operations executive in a large corporate energy producer / energy trader, small to mid-sized cleantech company, and/or clean energy not-for-profit entity. He/she will have experience and a temperament that allows the formation of teams from multiple disciplines and across business and scientific functions to succeed in addressing the identified global challenge. The ideal candidate will also have extensive experience in public-private partnerships involving public universities to support innovation commercialization, philanthropy, collaborative research and development, use of university/industry facilities and equipment, and student internship programs. He/she will have a strong entrepreneurial spirit and the highest professional integrity. Through this position, the COO will build an aggressive and successful enterprise that: (a) is driven by global impact and sustainability, (b) focuses on regional and local economic impact, (c) proactively assists CSU start-ups and develops new business models for the successful maturation and deployment of technologically advanced products and services for the developing world.

Reporting directly to the CSUV CEO, the COO will oversee a small business development team, and will coordinate tasks with affiliate organizations, including the CSUV Technology Transfer Office (TTO), CSURF's Real Estate Office (REO), CSURF, and CSU's offices of the Vice President for Research, Vice Provost of Outreach and Strategic Partnerships, Economic Development, and the Provost. He/she will work in unison with Cenergy™'s Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) to achieve the objectives of the Supercluster™.

The COO will be responsible for developing appropriate financial, accounting and operational goals and metrics related to the clean energy supercluster, with success being gauged by these metrics.

Minimum requirements:

- 15 years of experience in the energy industry
- Masters degree in a technical discipline related to the energy sector, or equivalent work experience
- Proven leadership by example
- Proven team-building skills
- Senior executive experience in an energy-product or service corporation
- Strong ability to communicate across scientific disciplines and business functions
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Manages with a sense of urgency
- Strong managerial, operational and financial reporting skills
- Ability to manage across organizational boundaries

Preferred qualifications:

- Scientific PhD in a technical discipline related to the energy sector
- Direct research or product experience with clean energy technologies, including solar, wind, geothermal, etc.
- MBA ,CPA , and/or JD
- 10 years of senior executive experience in a large energy-focused organization or corporation
- Senior level not-for-profit experience
- Senior administrative experience in a large research university
- Successful fundraising experience in a corporate or not-for-profit setting

CSUV is a 501(c)(3) organization legally separate from CSU. CSUV provides proprietary research, business development, global partnership development, start-up support, education, infrastructural, and commercialization support to CSU. CSU is a land-grant, research university of approximately 25,000 students with approximately \$300 million in research expenditures during the past fiscal year.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Screening of applicants will begin immediately. CSUV is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. To apply, please send cover letter, resume and a list of at least three references to:

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No phone inquires, please. Applications are encouraged by May 30, 2008. Applications will continue to be considered until the position is filled.