

**Executive Director, Missouri Research & Education Network
University of Missouri System**

The University of Missouri System is seeking an outstanding and experienced individual to serve as Executive Director for the Missouri Research & Education Network (MOREnet, www.more.net). The University has provided teaching, research and service to Missouri since 1839. It was the first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Purchase territory. Today, it is one of the nation's largest higher education institutions, with Extension and distance learning services, an extensive health care network and a total enrollment of more than 64,000 students on four campuses with 23,500 faculty and staff.

MOREnet, one of the nation's first and largest statewide research and education networks and established in 1991, is a separate business unit within the University. MOREnet is a consortium of schools, public libraries and higher education institutions, sponsored by an 18-year collaboration between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Higher Education and the Secretary of State's Office. This consortium-driven organization deploys and supports technology resources to its members including network and Internet connectivity, technical support, videoconferencing support, technical training, and network security, as well as, advanced communication tools, online resource databases and network configuration and assessment. MOREnet is committed to supporting and enabling its members' missions through the use of technology to enhance opportunities for public access, learning and research.

The University of Missouri System is located in Columbia, Missouri. Columbia is a city of approximately 100,000 people and centrally located between St. Louis and Kansas City. Columbia has a fairly moderate climate and is located approximately one hour from the Lake of the Ozarks, one of the country's largest lakes and a mecca for boating, fishing, golf and the best of country music entertainment.

The successful candidate will report to the University of Missouri Vice President for Information Technology, and provide leadership, vision and management for the strategic development and management of information, technology and resources to support MOREnet's mission and goals. This will involve ensuring consistency and alignment within a large (107 FTE) technical organization, as well as numerous outside and diverse constituencies. A special emphasis will include providing a technology vision, working with the state legislature and teaming with many of the nation's finest research and education networks.

To succeed in this role, the successful candidate must possess a bachelor's degree and preferably an advanced degree in business or public policy. Ten years plus of business leadership and management is necessary with an emphasis in a technology driven organization. Knowledge or a strong acumen in technology infrastructure, wide area networks, telecommunications and fiber optics would be appropriate; a specific background in a research and education network would be very useful. A history working with public policy and funding, as well as state and federal legislative activities would be extremely helpful. Superior oral and written communications skills are a must.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, resume and list of references to:

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