TO: Campus Community

FROM: Wallace D. Loh, President

SUBJECT: Search for Vice President and Chief Information Officer

The University of Maryland is initiating a national search to fill the position of Vice President and Chief Information Officer (VP/CIO). Provost Nariman Farvardin and I have asked Patricia Steele, Dean of Libraries, to chair the search committee. The position announcement, appended below, will soon appear in numerous publications. I invite applications and nominations for this very important position.

A first-class information technology infrastructure is essential to maintaining the high quality of our academic programs, and to serving our faculty, students, teaching, research and service units. We are searching for candidates with the vision, experience, and knowledge to lead the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and our campus programs. I expect this position to be attractive to highly qualified candidates, and I urge you to share the announcement with colleagues across the country and nominate those who would bring dynamic leadership to this vital area.

The membership of the VP/CIO search committee is also listed below. I wish to thank the committee in advance for taking on this challenging and key campus responsibility.

For additional information concerning the search process, please contact Ms. Sapienza Barone in the President's Office at 301-405-5790 or sbarone@umd.edu.

VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (VP/CIO)

The University of Maryland (UM) is searching for an individual to provide strong and visionary leadership for our computing infrastructure, enterprise applications, and learning environments. Located in College Park, Maryland, and serving approximately 37,500 students and 13,000 faculty and staff, the UM is one of 63 members of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and is the flagship institution of the University System of Maryland. The University of Maryland is a nationally ranked public research institution with a well-developed enterprise IT infrastructure, a wide range of IT based academic and administrative services, strong efforts in IT assisted instruction, and a growing, externally funded research program that is heavily dependent on IT resources. Maryland is an active participant in Internet2 and houses the Mid Atlantic Crossroads (MAX) and the regional I2 Gigapop.

The VP/CIO serves as the chief executive officer for the University's Office of Information Technology (OIT), which currently has 255
employees and a budget of $44 million. This individual reports to the President and to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, works closely with the Vice President for Administrative Affairs, and is a member of the President's Cabinet. The VP/CIO will provide strategic vision and leadership in developing and deploying cutting-edge IT technologies to ensure the University's leadership in education and research.

The VP/CIO is responsible for: networking and telecommunications, enterprise infrastructure, cybersecurity, enterprise applications, learning technologies, research support, and user support. The VP/CIO works closely with academic and administrative constituents to ensure that planned IT services support the University's long-term strategic goals. The VP/CIO also works with the University System of Maryland, the State of Maryland, and national organizations to further cooperative efforts in education and public service.

Applicants must have appropriate technical expertise and a proven record of achievement in leadership and planning in the IT field at the level of this position. The successful candidate will have the vision to anticipate future advances in IT as they relate to issues in higher education; the leadership skills to help the university stay abreast of IT trends; and the foresight to plan for appropriate responses to changing campus needs. Prior experience in a research university setting is highly desirable. Strong administrative, interpersonal, and leadership skills are required, as is a strong commitment to the highest ethical standards in IT use. A proven ability to foster collaborative efforts, to build and lead partnerships with academic, corporate, and government entities, and to develop funding opportunities is also needed.

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Expressions of interest in the position should consist of (1) a letter specifically addressing the candidate's qualifications for the position, (2) a current curriculum vitae, and (3) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least four persons who can be contacted by the search committee for references.

All materials should be sent electronically to sbarone@umd.edu and/or by mail to:
Patricia Steele, Chair
Search Committee for Vice President and Chief Information Officer
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For best consideration, all materials should be received by February 15, 2011. However, applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.

For further information, please consult the Office of Information Technology web site at http://www.oit.umd.edu.

The University of Maryland, College Park actively subscribes to a policy of equal education and employment opportunities. Women and minority candidates are especially encouraged.
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