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DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF EARTH, OCEAN, AND ENVIRONMENT

The University of South Carolina is seeking a creative and outstanding leader for the position of Director of the School of Earth, Ocean, and Environment (SEOE). The SEOE was formed in 2009 to provide a strategic and interdisciplinary base for five academic and research units in the College of Arts and Sciences: the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, the Marine Science Program, the Environment and Sustainability Program, the Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences, and the Earth Sciences and Resources Institute. Collectively these units and their diverse faculty contribute significantly to the University's top-20 national ranking in research and development expenditures in environmental sciences. The SEOE also provides a coordinated hub for the units' degree programs, which include BS degrees in Environmental Science, Geological Sciences, Geophysics, and Marine Science; a Master of Earth and Environmental Resource Management; and MS and PhD degrees in Geological Sciences and Marine Science. Also, a BA degree in Environmental Studies is planned for the near future. The expectation is that the SEOE will serve as a major focus for environmental research and academic enhancement within the University and State, and the new Director will provide essential leadership during this critical period of growth and development.

Candidates must have a record of outstanding, internationally recognized research and scholarship in an area included within the broad scope of the SEOE. We are seeking an individual with a commitment to the development of interdisciplinary programs and who has a proven record of leadership and management experience in research, academic, and administrative units within the university community. Candidates should also have a strong record of extramural funding and program development, and a demonstrated interest in forging partnerships and collaborations among the university, public, and private sectors.

The University of South Carolina has been designated as one of only 73 public and 35 private academic institutions with "very high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Carnegie Foundation also lists the University of South Carolina as having strong community engagement. The University has over 29,000 students on the main campus (and over 43,000 students system-wide), 324 degree programs, and a nationally-ranked library system. Columbia, the capital of South Carolina, has a population of over 650,000 in the greater metropolitan area.

Applicants should submit a letter describing leadership experience, research interests and goals, and experience and interests in building interdisciplinary and collaborative programs; their curriculum vita; and names and contact information for at least three references. Please send the application electronically, as a pdf file, to: Chair, SEOE Director Search Committee at seoedirector@sc.edu. Review of files will begin January 30, 2012 and continue until the position is filled. To receive full consideration, applications must be received by February 13, 2012.

For more information on the position and the SEOE, please contact: Chair, SEOE Director Search Committee via seoedirector@sc.edu. More information can be obtained from the SEOE website (<http://www.cas.sc.edu/seoe/>) and those of the constituent units, accessible through the SEOE site.

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