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College of Engineering

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Engineering. LSU is one of only 21 schools nationwide holding land, space and sea grant status. It is the state's flagship research university and holds the Carnegie Foundation's designation as a Doctorate-granting University with very high research activity. With a community of nearly 36,000 faculty, staff, and students from every state and more than 120 countries, LSU enjoys a lively and diverse community spirit. Located in Louisiana's capital city, Baton Rouge, LSU is approximately 75 miles northwest of New Orleans, a culturally diverse region well known for its fine cuisine, festive atmosphere and regional pride. Surrounded by lakes and over 1,200 live oak trees, LSU is ranked as one of the top 20 most beautiful campuses in the United States with 57 buildings on campus listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The campus is committed to accelerated growth through its National Flagship Agenda. A major capital campaign, FOREVER LSU, is currently underway as a part of this effort.

The LSU College of Engineering, established in 1908, focuses on interdisciplinary research and education in these engineering disciplines: agricultural, biological, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, industrial, mechanical, petroleum, and in construction management. With over 130 academic faculty members, the average engineering student population reaches 2,600, of which more than 450 are masters and doctoral students. In support of the University's Flagship Agenda, the College has implemented initiatives which have led to tangible accomplishments: Civil & Environmental Engineering and Mechanical Engineering have been designated as LSU Foundation of Excellence programs; an Associate Dean for Diversity position was created to lead efforts to boost recruitment and retention of under-represented students and faculty; the Engineering Communication Studio was opened to significantly enhance students' communication skills; a major NSF grant was awarded to improve the retention rates of undergraduate students in engineering and construction management; and the Fund for Innovation in Engineering Research was established to provide seed money for enterprising faculty members. The College has strong interdisciplinary research centers in the areas of nano / micro materials and devices, environmental and coastal research, hurricane research, and transportation systems. The College is a leader in the FOREVER LSU Campaign and has the largest development office among academic units on campus.

We seek a highly qualified person who will strengthen an established foundation in research, provide visionary leadership to faculty, staff, students, alumni and external constituents, continue the College's commitment to strong undergraduate and graduate programs and to diversity among its students and faculty, and overall, advance the College to a higher level of research, educational, and technological excellence that positions it more competitively among national peers.

Required Qualifications: Eligible candidates will (1) have a Ph.D. in engineering; (2) have attained the rank of Full Professor; (3) have an established record in teaching, research, service; and (4) be suitable for tenure at the Full Professor level in a department within the LSU College of Engineering.

Preferred Qualifications: An undergraduate degree in engineering; demonstrated ability to formulate, maintain, and implement a clear, focused vision; experience with recruitment and retention of an intellectually strong, diverse faculty; experience with raising national rankings of units; experience with successfully managing a large unit; demonstrated capability in private fund development from industry, alumni, and friends; excellent communication skills; demonstrated ability to develop and implement interdisciplinary research collaborations between campus units; and the ability to seek input from and work effectively with diverse groups.

The Dean Search Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, complete CV, and references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting Louisiana State University. Review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to August 1, 2008.

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