MARY KAY O'CONNOR PROCESS SAFETY CENTER
TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION

# DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OPENING

Ocean Energy Safety Institute
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The Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center at Texas A&M University is seeking applicants for the Director of Operations position for the Ocean Energy Safety Institute (OESI). Candidates should have proficiency in risk assessment, development of Best Available and Safest Technologies (BAST) and experience working with or for the federal government in a management capacity. Individuals must have a commitment to excellence in project management, research and training in offshore energy-related technologies and activities. Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with current research as well as specific hands on experience in the offshore oil and gas industry, including international experience. While certain combinations of education and experience will be considered, the preferred candidate would hold a doctoral degree in chemical or petroleum engineering or related field with a strong oil and gas industry emphasis.

The Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center has been selected to manage the Ocean Energy Safety Institute (Institute). The five-year agreement, with $5 million in total funding from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), will provide a forum for dialogue, shared learning and cooperative research among academia, government, industry and other non-government organizations in offshore-related technologies and activities that help ensure environmentally safe and responsible offshore operations. TEES is partnering with Texas A&M University, University of Texas and University of Houston to manage the institute.

The OESI director of operations will report to the Principal Investigator (PI) and manage the responsibilities between PI and Co-PIs and staff workers at all phases of the project. OESI Director shall assist the PI in providing recommendations and technical assistance to BSEE and BOEM (federal agencies) related to emerging technologies and the determination of BAST and environmentally sound oil and gas development practices for the outer continental shelf. The OESI management team (one director and two program managers) is intended to serve as the small group of leaders who are involved in the day-to-day operations of the OESI and can be convened to make decisions or address issues within their purview. The OESI management team will monitor progress of core functions and research projects along with budgets, timelines, challenges and opportunities.

Applications must include the following:

(1) curriculum vita (including offshore related BAST and technology development and project management experience),
(2) copies of selected publications,
(3) names of five references.

Individual shall adhere to the following principals of ethical conduct:

-You shall not hold financial interests that conflict with the conscientious performance of duty.
--You shall not engage in financial transactions using non-public Government information or allow improper use of such information to further any private interest.
--You shall not engage in outside employment or activities including seeking or negotiating for employment, that conflict with your official Government duties and responsibilities.
--You shall not use your public office (In this case, association with BSEE) for private gain.
--You shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual.

Interested applicants should submit applications through the Texas A&M Engineering Employment website: https://www.tamuengineeringjobs.com.

The cover letter should be addressed to:

Professor M. Sam Mannan
Chair of Search Committee
Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering
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Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-3122.

Applications will be considered as received for the next 30 days of this advertised job announcement which ends on February 15, 2014. Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The university is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and staff committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and covered veterans.