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The IT4Innovations Centre of Excellence project is one of the largest research projects in the Czech Republic, and is financed by the European Union. The VŠB - Technical University of Ostrava together with the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports is searching for a suitable candidate for the position of:

Managing Director of IT4Innovations Centre of Excellence

The IT4Innovations project is an exciting long-term project that aims to promote computing and science as key pillars of the Czech economy; some background information can be found at http://www.it4i.eu/en/what-is.php. It includes the creation of a new world-class supercomputing centre, and brings together teams of scientific researchers in a wide range of computing and other disciplines. It has the committed support of many industrial and academic partners nationally and internationally, and has a planned initial budget of over EUR 75 million. The Managing Director will have the unique opportunity to be in overall charge of the centre´s management, and will carry out all the transactions related to the development and operation of the Centre and will be the top representative of the complete IT4Innovations project to the rest of the world.

We are looking for a top professional who will be responsible for managing and co-ordinating the project's extensive infrastructural investment activities and the research, development, and commercial activities of the Centre, particularly with emphasis on the utilization of the major new research facility – the supercomputing centre. Her/his task will be to facilitate, coordinate and control the activity of the executive organizational structure – consisting of the Scientific Director, Head of Supercomputing Centre, Strategic Development Director and Financial and Administrative Director. The Managing Director will be responsible to, and will report regularly to, the Managing Board of IT4Innovations and the Rector of VŠB-Technical University of Ostrava.

The successful candidate will have proven experience of building up a large international project (of tens of millions EUR), ideally within the environment of a university or research organisation. She/he should be an internationally renowned person with verifiable long term experience in international research and development teams (with solid experience in the field of high performance computing).

The position will be located in Ostrava, the third-largest city in the Czech Republic. The employer will be VŠB - Technical University of Ostrava. The position also includes a formal position of Director of the university institute "IT4Innovations", established at VSB - Technical University of Ostrava. Contract duration: to June 2015 initially, with subsequent extension dependent upon achieved results and the IT4Innovations Centre's further development.

We offer competitive salary comparable with similar positions in the world.

The basic requirements are:

- A minimum of at least 5 years of experience in the top management position in the framework of a project/institution of a similar size.
- Strong knowledge and orientation in the field of supercomputing.
- An excellent top manager, able to work with and to inspire people of different backgrounds.
- A proven understanding of the needs of business and proven experience of liaising successfully with business, industry, and public stakeholders.
- Fluent in written and spoken English. Czech is not essential but would be useful.
- PhD level or proven equivalent experience.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a brief description of research and leadership experience, CV and bibliography to: registration@msmt.cz until **January 15th 2012** the latest.

For informal enquiries about any aspect of the post, please contact **Mr. Jiří Štursa** (e-mail: jiri.stursa@vsb.cz, tel.: +420 597 329 386) All enquiries/information from the candidates will be handled in the strictest confidence.

All applications will be assessed by a special selection board (so called Search Committee), consisting of both international and Czech experts as well as representatives of the IT4Innovations centre, that shall meet under the coordination and supervision of the Managing Authority of the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovation on the turn of November and December 2011.
Top selected suitable candidates will be invited for interviews taking place in the Czech Republic in February 2012 (concrete date and place to be provided).

For details regarding the Search Committees, please visit the following webpage:
www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy/search-committees

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