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**JOB A N N O U N C E M E N T**

**the natural heritage institute is recruiting a chief executive officer**

The Natural Heritage Institute is searching for a Chief Executive Officer to take responsibility for the management, direction, growth and success of this non-profit, natural resource conservation organization. NHI’s current headquarters in San Francisco, California, can be relocated at the election of the new CEO.

**Mission:**

NHI is a leading non-profit, non-governmental organization, working at the global scale, to rehabilitate natural functions in heavily engineered rivers systems. For over two decades, NHI has been working to re-create a world where rivers function like rivers again, in harmony with human needs. Our focus is on major, often transnational, river basins in everywhere in the world. We have worked extensively in California, the U.S. boundary waters, Asia, Africa and Latin America. These floodplains, wetlands, deltas, and estuaries are truly the engines of biological productivity and the earth’s aquatic life support system. Yet, freshwater ecosystems are today the most imperiled on the planet. No other natural resource is as intimately connected to food security and basic human needs, particularly in the most vulnerable communities of the world. These stresses will become more pronounced as the climate changes.

**Methods:**

Often, repairing damaged river requires re-optimizing entire hydropower, water supply, irrigation and flood management systems at the basin scale. This work demands exceptional technical, economic, and legal capabilities. Yet NHI’s unique and highly cost-effective business model assures that we are never capacity-limited in these projects. We assemble specialized project teams by drawing upon our remarkable board of directors, our network of expert affiliates, partnering organizations all over the world, academic experts and consultants, to augment the capacity of our resident staff.

We often work with the ultimate decision-makers on water resources: the governments themselves, and the ultimate custodians of water resources, the water rights holders, infrastructure operators, power companies, and farmers.

Our range of tools and strategies to influence the ways in which water resources are managed includes the development and deployment of hydrologic and water resource systems models, on-the-ground ecological restoration projects, the design of improved management and institutional arrangements, policy analysis, and legal advocacy and interventions.

You can learn much more about NHI, its projects, and its successes by visiting our website at <http://n-h-i.org>.

**Required qualifications:**

* Advanced degree in relevant fields of law, science, economics or environmental planning
* Demonstrated ability to conceptualize, organize, attract funding and manage new project activity within NHI’s mission and beyond
* Depth of experience working with water resource institutions in California, nationally and/or internationally
* Demonstrated track record of organization management
* Exceptional communication skills
* Strong personal and professional passion for natural resources conservation work

Applications will be considered beginning on March 1, 2017. This position will remain open until an outstanding candidate is selected.

Please send statements of interest and qualifications to (no telephone inquiries, please):

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