

VP, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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About the Position:

E&I Cooperative Services (E&I) is the only member-owned, non-profit procurement cooperative focused exclusively on higher education. We provide our members with unsurpassed value through a broad portfolio of competitively solicited contracts, technology-enabled procurement solutions, and strategic, consultative engagements. Our innovative strategic spend assessments empower members to make informed, analytics-based decisions to capture savings. We collaborate with our suppliers through a performance management program to consistently deliver an amazing member experience.

E&I has an exciting opportunity for a **Vice President, Information Technology in our Information Technology Department**. This position will be responsible for defining and delivering IT strategy and innovative capabilities across the enterprise, including but not limited to data governance, business intelligence and data analytics support, development and support, infrastructure, security, business continuity, technical services, and technology innovation. The Vice President, Information Technology is a key contributor in the Cooperative's strategy and planning process and will collaborate with senior management and business leaders to develop innovative technical solutions that contribute to the Cooperative's strategic plan. This position will be based in our corporate office in Jericho, NY.

At E&I Cooperative Services, we are proud of the company culture we have created. We believe that talented people and the right culture are the most important drivers of our company's success and our employees' satisfaction. We are looking for people who share our core values – people who are: **Mission Driven, Customer/Member "Obsessed", High Performers; Inclusive, Positive, Collaborative, and who are Always Pursuing Better.**

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Strategy

- Provide thought leadership expertise and make key contributions to the formulation of the Cooperative's business and digital strategies.
- Proactively advise senior management on emerging technologies and digital trends that are most relevant to the Cooperative's goals and evolving needs.
- Help determine capital investment parameters, priorities, and risks for enterprise-wide IT initiatives to maximize the return on investment.
- Review, recommend, and oversee all vendors and managed service agreements for computing, telecommunications, IT services, and equipment.
- Continuously evaluate processes and technology, recommending process improvements and the necessary equipment and software to gain efficiencies.

Leadership

- Develop an IT vision, strategy, and a roadmap, and lead the IT team and its business partners in effective execution.
- Ensure that current and planned technical architecture, investments, and solutions are aligned with the Cooperative's business objectives.
- Build strong relationships with business groups and leaders across the enterprise and develop a detailed understanding of their issues, challenges, and opportunities.
- Implement and maintain the most appropriate and effective IT organizational design to support and engage with all business units.
- Provide subject matter expertise and guidance in technology, infrastructure management, monitoring, data, cybersecurity, network communications, and IT disaster recovery.

Team Development

- Foster a culture of innovation, transparency, and accountability in IT.

- Ensure that the organization has strong systems analysis and project management skills, and the ability to execute business-critical projects.
- Develop and maintain a plan that provides for succession and continuity in the most critical IT positions

IT Operations

- Direct the design, planning, implementation, and maintenance of the computing infrastructure that supports the Cooperative's operations and business applications.
- Establish metrics for managing IT effectiveness and for measuring the impact of IT on the business.
- Direct implementation and execution of upgrades/system releases via well-defined plans, deadlines, and accountability.
- Establish appropriate service levels and the processes to ensure that KPIs are met.
- Maintain oversight of all IT projects, ensuring that commitments are properly planned, staffed, monitored, and reported.
- Establish a comprehensive information security program to ensure the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of relevant data.
- Lead the design, implementation, and maintenance of an enterprise-wide disaster recovery and business continuity plan.
- Establish and enforce IT policies, processes, portfolio management (i.e. hardware, software, etc.), development standards and methodologies.
- Responsible for oversight of procuring, installing, and maintaining all computer hardware and software and all other products and supplies necessary to keep computer systems operable and to fulfill management's requests for computer support.
- Review, recommend, and oversee all vendor and managed service agreements for computing, telecommunications, IT services, equipment, and licenses.
- Maintain security of all data proprietary to the Cooperative, our members and business partners and provide for the complete backup of all computer systems in case of system failure or disaster.
- Perform other duties as assigned

Education and/or Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in computer science or related field
- Advanced degree in computer science or related field, preferred
- 15+ years of career experience in technology, including a minimum of 10 years in a management leadership position
- Experience with systems administration, business intelligence (information builders), salesforce, project management, cloud-based solutions and security is a plus.
- Excellent Negotiation and Project Management skills are required as well as a deep understanding of business process, business process re-engineering, the dynamics of change, change management, and Organizational Learning.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills. Must have the ability to take complex technology issues and solutions and communicate them in a manner that is understood by individuals who are not well versed in technology.
- Must have strong interpersonal skills, maturity, and good judgment; possess a positive can-do attitude and demonstrate effective communication skills with a diverse range of individuals.
- Excellent presentation skills.
- Minimal national travel (5%)

E&I offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package which include Medical, Dental, Vision, Life & AD&D Insurance, LTD, STD, FSA, 401(k), AFLAC and other company sponsored benefits.

Interested applicants, please attach with cover letter and salary requirements to resumes@eandi.org with the position listed in the subject heading. All responses will be viewed with the strictest of confidence.

E&I is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing equal opportunities for employment and advancement without regard to an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or any characteristic protected by local, state, or federal law.