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**JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

**Job Title:** Executive Director

**Employer/Agency:** Connecticut Council for Education Reform

**Job Description:** The Connecticut Council for Education Reform (CCER), a recently formed, statewide non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for comprehensive education reform, seeks nominations and applications for the newly created position of Executive Director. The mission of CCER is to close Connecticut's achievement gap while raising academic outcomes for all students. Established and championed by business and civic leaders, CCER advocates for public education reform efforts through strategies designed to position Connecticut as the highest-achieving state in the nation. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will be a savvy, results-oriented leader experienced in public education who will provide the vision and leadership to advance CCER as a highly respected and effective voice for state education reform. Working closely and collaboratively with Board Members and senior leadership, the Executive Director will increase CCER's visibility through integrated communication strategies and will ensure successful, sustained organizational growth is aligned with the mission by specifically building and nurturing relationships with school districts. S/he will set and implement strategic goals, develop tactical plans and maintain organizational performance and accountability. S/he will champion CCER's policy, advocacy and field efforts and will forge relationships with key stakeholders, legislators and policy makers as well as business and community leaders, public and private philanthropies, and the public-at-large.

The Connecticut Council for Education Reform has retained Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group to assist in this recruitment. President Laura Gassner Otting, Vice President Elizabeth Bracher and Managing Associate Lisa Catapano are leading the search.

The Executive Director will be a strategic and entrepreneurial leader with significant and relevant experience working with business, civic, state, education and policy leaders. S/he will be highly motivated, poised and articulate with the sophistication, intelligence and drive to develop and implement organizational and education reform strategies and performance measures for CCER's advancement in education reform statewide. The Executive Director will have a proven track record of non-profit fundraising and the ability to work successfully with the Board of Directors and staff to direct and grow the organization. S/he will have established networks with policy makers, leaders and organizations in the education reform community and will understand the importance of working collaboratively to advance CCER's mission.

**Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate will have 8-10 years of senior-level leadership experience and will hold a bachelor's degree with an advanced degree in education, public policy, or a related field preferred. S/he will have substantive knowledge of education reform with demonstrated success advancing reform in public systems of education and will have powerful strategic messaging and legislative advocacy skills. In addition, s/he will possess exceptional interpersonal skills including the ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders, partners and constituents, and the capacity to cultivate and maintain relationships that support increased funding and higher levels of sustained philanthropic support.

**Employer/Agency:  
City, State, Zip:**

Connecticut Council for Education Reform  
New Haven, CT

**Application Method:**

More information about CCER may be found at:  
<http://www.CTEdReform.org>.

A longer, more detailed position description will be available shortly at:  
<http://www.NonprofitProfessionals.com/searches/ccer-ed.htm>.

**To Apply:**

Applications including a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, your resume (in Word format), salary history, and where you learned of the position should be sent by **July 8, 2011** to: [ccer-ed@nonprofitprofessionals.com](mailto:ccer-ed@nonprofitprofessionals.com). In order to expedite the internal sorting and review process, please type your name (Last, First) as the only contents in the subject line of your e-mail.

**Opening Date:** Immediately

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