The DSI Program. The University of Oklahoma seeks to increase substantially its basic research, applied development, and training programs on the Norman Campus in areas related to national defense, security and intelligence (DSI). Sample topics include but are not limited to radar, advanced materials, unmanned aerial vehicles and systems, energy efficient buildings, solid state devices, alternative fuels for surface and airborne systems, radiation detection, cognitive neuroscience, public health, deception, robotics, advanced optics, human behavior, and high energy physics.

To achieve this goal, the University has launched a Strategic Initiative in DSI and seeks a dynamic leader to serve as founding Director of the Office of DSI Programs within the Office of the Vice President for Research. The new DSI Office will have overall responsibility for executing the Strategic Initiative, coordinating with other campus organizations to open new spaces of opportunity for researchers, seeking and supporting the development and execution of applied research and development contracts, and managing an engagement with external DSI consultants.

Director Responsibilities. The Director, reporting to the Vice President for Research, will have the opportunity to build the new DSI Office into an integral unit of the University of Oklahoma. Specific responsibilities include:

- Serving as a facilitator for establishing, sustaining and growing relationships between OU faculty/administrators and Federal program staff and administrators in DSI topic areas;
- Providing input on developing organizational structures, communication frameworks, and processes within OU to most effectively identify, develop and support a broad range of funded research grants and contracts in the areas of defense, national security, and intelligence (DSI);
- Recommending new areas of inquiry, or expansion of existing ones, based upon emerging priorities within DSI agencies;
- Matching current and emerging OU basic and applied R&D capabilities with DSI opportunities, working with faculty and other researchers through the entire process of engagement – from idea inception to funded project or successful partnership;
- Working with the Center for Research Program Development and Enrichment and the Office of Corporate Engagement to coordinate necessary linkages with faculty and private companies (including both for-profits and non-profits);
- Facilitating OU awareness and involvement in relevant DSI conferences, trade shows, workshops, and meetings in order to build mutual awareness, foster relationships, and maintain working knowledge of future plans;
- Monitoring DSI planning to provide advance notification of emerging opportunities and directions in basic and applied R&A well in advance of solicitation issuance;
- Helping facilitate the participation of OU faculty on relevant DSI review panels, advisory boards, and planning committees;
- Helping determine the most effective strategies for leveraging the DOD and Department of Homeland Security presence in Oklahoma; and
- Facilitating opportunities to engage in all varieties of restricted research and development, including but not limited to that subject to national security controls.

Additionally, the founding director will help establish a new Center for Applied Research and Development to support DSI-related and other applied R&D programs.
**Candidate Qualifications.** Successful candidates will be visionary, collegial and highly motivated leaders who have extensive experience working with or within DSI agencies (e.g., DOD, DHS, NSA, CIA, FBI), particularly in Federal government contracting and procurement. A master’s degree is required. Linkages to and experience working with private companies engaged in DSI research and development are highly desirable, and candidates must be able to operate effectively within the academic culture, working directly with faculty and non-faculty researchers on all facets of DSI activities including assisting in the development of research programs, white papers and proposals, and on tactical plans for grant and contract execution. Additional qualifications include excellent communication skills, particularly in developing and delivering oral presentations, excellent writing skills and the ability to constructively critique and edit the writing of others, and demonstrated ability in working effectively across a variety of disciplines and organizations.

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**Application Process.** Confidential review of nominations, indications of interest, and applications will begin 15 December 2010 and continue until the position is filled. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The starting date is flexible but is preferred to be as soon as possible. Candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest demonstrating how they fulfill the qualifications noted above, a detailed resume, and the names of five references who will be contacted only upon approval from the applicant. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Electronic submission in PDF format is preferred, and all application information and inquiries should be directed to:

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