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Hiring Manager  
RQD Clearing

Dear RQD Clearing Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my interest in the Senior C++ Platform Architect – Execution Systems position at RQD. With over fifteen years of experience designing and optimizing high-performance financial systems at Morgan Stanley, Alliance Bernstein, Morningstar and UBS, I bring a deep understanding of both trading infrastructure and scalable software architecture, which I believe may bring value to the RQD’s execution platform.

I am particularly drawn to RQD’s start-up culture which I extremely enjoyed when I helped found a silicon startup and more recently attempted to start something on my own footing. The dynamic, innovative and both intellectually and spiritually rewarding environment is something I have been longing for.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how my experience and how I may contribute to RQD’s growth and platform evolution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Cao, Ph.D.