**American Family Insurance**

**Strong Guidewire Application Architect (long term contract)**

Requires an experienced architect with a minimum of 5 years in distributed, web-based Enterprise Java architecture including at least 2 years in a Guidewire based application (preferably Policy Center and/or Billing Center).  Candidate must have a strong understanding of open systems architecture including integrations with vendor packages, relational databases, message queues, web services and legacy systems.

This role primarily interprets enterprise solution architecture and requirements documents through building application architecture and designs in UML.  The individual will work with the development team to ensure the design and architecture are realized in the code.  The only coding will be to prototype a design. This assignment in particular will include Guidewire specific design work, troubleshooting, and optimization especially on the integration side. This role will also provide the necessary software development leadership to the development team and help ensure that the architectural vision is correctly realized during the development and support the team through the release of code to production.

We are looking for true architecture and design experience, i.e. not lead developer/tech lead experience.

-----Required Skills:

1.  Strong Solution Architect/Guidewire Java Architect

2.  Must have experience designing multi-tier web applications involving integrations with Vendor packages.

3.  Must have Guidewire design experience

4.  Strong leadership, software architecture and communication skills

5.  Needs to work well in a team environment and have demonstrated effectiveness at building teams

6.  Guidewire/Gosu

7.  J2EE architecture/technologies

8.  Web application architecture

9.  Web application development (all phases of the lifecycle)

10. Design Patterns

11. OOAD with UML

12. RDBMS (esp. Oracle and DB2)

13. Business client relationship building

14. Spring

15. XML

16. SQL

17. Hibernate

18. Web Services concepts, standards and technologies

19. Service Oriented Architecture concepts

20. Excellent communication skills

Experience with:

1. Guidewire Version 7

2. Guidewire development environment

3. Guidewire design

4. GUnits

5. Eclipse-based development environment

6. J2EE server environment (JBoss preferred)

7. SOA based web applications

8. Messaging Technologies (MQ, JMS, MDB)

9. Requirements gathering, modeling and analysis

Helpful Skills:

1.   JSP

2.   HTML/CSS/Javascript/JQuery

3.   Junit

4.   Struts

5.   RUP

6.   Ajax

7.   IBM MQ

8.   IBM CTG

9.   CVS/GIT version control

10. Guidewire version 8

1. Interviews requested as resumes come in (Video conf or \*in-person preferred)