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Chief Information Officer

Full Time Senior Management Virginia Beach, VA, US

Salary Range: \$180,000.00 To \$220,000.00 Annually



We are seeking a visionary and strategically minded Chief Information Officer (CIO) to lead our technology and product strategy. The ideal candidate is a seasoned IT and product executive with deep experience in enterprise infrastructure, software development, end-to-end product lifecycle, and compliance. This role will partner closely with executive leadership to align strategy and business goals with technical execution, while fostering innovation and maintaining a secure, scalable, and high-performing IT environment.

Environment

Microsoft-based infrastructure using primarily Windows desktop OS and Windows Server with Office 365; primarily .Net web and desktop development utilizing Microsoft SQL database back-end and limited use of Azure blob storage; integrations with Microsoft's Dynamics Navision, D365 systems, UPS WorldShip, ShipWise, and Endicia; Palo Alto security network has been implemented; SOC 2 Type 2.

Education and Certifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Engineering, Information Systems, or related field.
- Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA) or comparable preferred.
- Certifications (Preferred/Bonus): CISSP, CISM, PMP, or Product Management certifications (e.g. Pragmatic Institute, SAFe, or Scrum.org)

Reporting Structure

This position reports to the CEO.

Key Responsibilities:

This technical leadership section can be edited to reflect the strategic analytics & artificial intelligence goals of the Scottish Government

- Define and execute a scalable, secure, and cost-efficient enterprise IT roadmap aligned with organizational goals.
- Lead architecture decisions across cloud infrastructure (Azure), cybersecurity, and DevOps.
- Oversee IT operations, systems reliability, and risk management to ensure 24/7 business continuity.
- Champion the adoption of emerging technologies (e.g., AI, blockchain, digital identity) to enhance services and differentiate the business.
- Leverage AI and any emerging technology in an effort to expedite software development cycles while actively reducing and managing overhead expenditures.

Product Development & Delivery

- Serve as the senior most product leader. Own the full product lifecycle from strategy through execution and lead cross-functional delivery teams.
- Direct the full product lifecycle from discovery to deployment, focusing on SaaS and user-centered innovation.
- Manage cross-functional teams of developers, database administrators, systems and network administrators and UX/UI designers under Agile/Scrum frameworks.
- Establish and optimize CI/CD pipelines and software delivery best practices.

Cybersecurity, Risk & Compliance

- Ensure full compliance with privacy laws and data protection regulations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA, FERPA, HIPAA).
- Oversee and enhance the organization's NOC/SOC operations, including disaster recovery planning, tiered support escalation, and on-call rotation strategies, with a focus on maximizing system uptime, ensuring rapid incident response, and maintaining business continuity across all critical infrastructure.
- Lead and manage certification processes such as SOC 2, ISO 27001, or NIST, including audits, documentation, and policy implementation.
- Advise on secure identity, e-Notary, and digital signature technologies as applicable to product and operational domains.

Cross-Functional Collaboration & Leadership

- Serve as the primary technology advisor to the CEO and executive team, providing insights that bridge business strategy and technical execution.
- Foster collaboration across departments, including legal, operations, finance, marketing, and sales. • Develop and mentor high-performing leadership across IT and product functions.

Ideal Background & Experience:

Technical Leadership

- 10-15 years of progressive IT experience, with a minimum of 5 years in a senior leadership capacity (CIO, CTO, VP of IT/Product).
- Deep expertise in enterprise architecture, cloud platforms (AWS, Azure), cybersecurity, and modern DevOps practices.

Product Development

- Demonstrated success in launching and scaling software products, while supporting the technical environment, ideally in a SaaS environment.
- Proficient in Agile methodologies, design thinking, and iterative delivery models.

Compliance & Risk

- In-depth knowledge of U.S. and international data privacy regulations (GDPR, CCPA, FERPA, HIPAA).
- Hands-on experience managing compliance programs, audits, and related documentation.
- Familiarity with secure authentication systems, e-signatures, and identity frameworks is highly desirable.

Soft Skills

- Strong executive presence with excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Proven ability to influence across departments and build consensus at the executive level.
- Strategic thinker with the foresight to identify and harness emerging tech trends.

Physical Requirements:

- This is primarily an office-based job that may require sitting for extended periods of time working on a computer.
- Onsite at our offices in Virginia Beach, VA. Ability to travel based on company needs.
- Valid driver's license required.
- Good vision, with or without corrective lenses, to sustain adequate visual focus over a period of time.
- Fine motor skills, including, but not limited to, the full, complete use of and muscle control required to make precise hand movements, relative to tasks requiring hand-eye coordination, muscle coordination and dexterity.

Compensation and Benefits

- Full-Time salaried, exempt position with on call availability for emergencies
- Medical, dental and vision insurance
- 401K with company matching • Paid sick- and annual-leave
- Paid holidays

Additional Information and Signature

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