



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – LEAD SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER

POSITION: Lead Solutions Architect and Engineer for “Who’s Who Wiki” Project

Type: Full-time staff position (following 3-month trial period)

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

Start Date: July or August 2011

Compensation: 1,500-2,000 USD/month (or equivalent in MXP), with benefits, depending upon experience.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Are you entrepreneurial, creative, and intelligent? Do you thrive in a start-up environment? Are you committed to issues of social justice? And would you relish the chance to be part of something big from the very start? We’re a new organization, developing a new (and cool!) web-based platform to improve corporate transparency and accountability in Latin America. We’re looking for someone who can jump right in as a data architect, move quickly to lead engineer, and within 1-2 years gain experience as a project manager to build our prototype from the ground up. This person would design the technology architecture behind our platform, understand usability and use case requirements, and actually build the platform, dubbed the “Who’s Who Wiki,” including back-end data manipulations and analytics, social network analysis, front-end wiki user interface, etc. Interested? Please keep reading for more detail.

ORGANIZATIONAL DESCRIPTION

The Project on Organizing, Development, Education, and Research (PODER) is an award-winning, non-governmental, non-profit corporate accountability organization that leverages business intelligence, transparency technology, and community organizing to improve corporate accountability in Latin America and to strengthen civil society stakeholders of corporations as long-term accountability guarantors. The fulcrum of our work is proprietary business intelligence. PODER channels our information, know-how, and economic resources to local stakeholders at strategic nodes of the economy where our work has the greatest long-term multiplier effect. Together, PODER and our partners engage corporations and other stakeholders to ensure on-going corporate accountability.

For more information, see Echoing Green (<http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellows/ben-cokelet>) and Ashoka (http://www.ashoka.org/fellow/cokelet_ben).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PODER is creating an innovative web-based platform to ensure access to symmetric information for all corporate stakeholders. Our “Who’s Who Wiki” platform will consist of four components: a database containing information on corporate elites and their companies in Latin America, a network analysis and visualization tool illuminating the corporate social network, a wiki site to coalesce and empower diverse corporate stakeholders, including investors and civil society organizations, and a secure whistleblowing mechanism to inform on corporate malfeasance. Through this platform, we analyze the corporate social network, at both national and regional levels, to further a public understanding of its individual and corporate members. This understanding will be fundamental as investors, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders strive to democratize capitalism in Latin America.



POSITION REQUIREMENTS

PODER seeks a data architect / programmer with experience working with database-driven website programming, new social media technology, and social network analysis tools. Successful candidates must be self-managers but able to work in a team environment; have a proven track record of meeting deadlines; possess impressive programming skills; have good writing skills, preferably in both English and Spanish; be knowledgeable about and have a passion for creating and using innovative technological tools to strengthen civil society; and be available to work full-time in Mexico City. The Lead Solutions Architect and Engineer will be ensured regular collaboration and communication with PODER's Executive Director as well as genuine opportunities to develop technologies that address corporate malfeasance and human rights abuses in Latin America from the bottom up.

QUALIFICATIONS

- An undergraduate and/or advanced degree in software development, programming, or information infrastructure is highly desirable.
- Be able to design and administer web databases and web services, as well as use Dreamweaver, Flash, and database administrators.
- Strong knowledge and proven experience with the following programming languages: PHP, HTML, CSS2, Ajax, JavaScript, SQL/MySQL, ActionScript 2.0/3.0, and MediaWiki.
- Experience with network analysis tools, such as Pajek, is highly desirable.
- Proven interest in the following subjects: human rights, social movements and new social media, business, politics, and social affairs in Mexico and Latin America.
- Bilingual fluency is preferable (English and Spanish).
- Qualifications, references to withstand a rigorous background check.

APPLICATION

Please send a resume or curriculum vitae, reference to online Web platforms developed by you with a brief description of the technology infrastructure behind it, English and Spanish writing samples, and 3 academic or professional references to Ben Cokelet, Founder and Executive Director, project.poder@gmail.com. No phone calls please. Only competitive applicants will be contacted.

PODER ensures equal opportunity in employment or volunteer opportunity for all people without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, national or ethnic origin, marital status, or disability.