Call for the DIRECTOR of the National Center for Technology in Agriculture - Agritech

Agritech is a new National Research Center having its headquarter in Naples, which received a very large funding from the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). Agritech is organized as a private Foundation and passed a selection following a specific call on the application of enabling technologies for Agriculture (PIANO NAZIONALE DI RIPRESA E RESILIENZA (PNRR)–MISSIONE4 COMPONENTE2, “Dalla ricerca all’impresa” INVESTIMENTO1.4, “Potenziamento strutture di ricerca e creazione di "campioni nazionali di R&S" su alcune Key Enabling Technologies”).

Agritech is established to address the global need to counteract the effects of climatic changes, reduce environmental impact of agriculture and improve productivity and sustainability. The Research Center will focus on the application of enabling technologies in the Agrifood sector. The Agritech Foundation is a Consortium with a Hub&Spoke structure, made of 24 public and 4 private Universities, 5 Research Centers and 16 Companies covering a wide range of expertise and subjects. With a starting grant entirely covered by EU PNRR program of about 320 million euros over 3 years, Agritech is expected to push the Italian agricultural science, and related technology transfer sectors, at the international forefront. In addition, after the first 3 years of activities funded by the MUR, Agritech foundation is expected to further operate in the field by accessing to additional competitive funding from the public and private sectors.

Agritech is seeking a Director to act as Programme Research Manager and provide an effective and visionary guide for the new Center. The Director must have extensive experience in the management of projects and excellent multidisciplinary know-how, including a proven capability to guide the building of a large-scale infrastructure dedicated to research. Experience in the Agritech sector will be considered as a plus but is not a requirement. Experience in technology transfer and training activities is desired.

Proficiency in English is required, and a very good knowledge of Italian is desirable because of the need of constant interaction with the Ministry of University and Research for administrative and scientific reporting.

A 3-years contract with competitive package and salary will be offered. Manifestation of interest together with a curriculum vitae and a motivation letter should be sent by November 18th to management@agritechcenter.it.
In order to comply with Italian law (art. 23 of Privacy Law of the Italian Legislative Decree n. 196/03), the candidate is kindly asked to give his/her consent to allow Agritech to process his/her personal data. We inform you that the information you provide will be solely used for the purpose of assessing your professional profile.