

Job Announcement

**Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund
Chief Executive Officer
(Washington, DC)**

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Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (TAFEF) in Washington, DC, has retained Slesinger Management Services to recruit a dynamic, visionary, and innovative leader with significant experience in advocacy at the national level to serve as chief executive officer (CEO) of TAFEF and its sister organization Taxpayers Against Fraud.

Applications will be accepted until this position is filled.

The Organization

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund is a nonprofit, public interest organization with a membership of lawyers who specialize in representing whistleblowers, and whistleblowers themselves, who believe that businesses or individuals have engaged in activities that defraud the U.S. government or engage in practices that violate securities, commodities, or tax laws. From a pharmacy chain overcharging Medicare for medicine, to a mortgage company's falsifying loan applications to qualify for federally-funded insurance for home loans that subsequently default, to a group of defense contractors rigging bids to win contracts from the Pentagon, taxpayers lose money when the government has been defrauded.

Under the False Claims Act, a U.S. law passed by Congress in 1863 that provides for a triple damage remedy and levies significant additional fines on companies that cheat the U.S. government, private citizens, so called "qui tam plaintiffs," are permitted to file a complaint on behalf of taxpayers. If successful, these whistleblowers, who are often employees of the accused company and are taking great personal and professional risk for trying to end the fraudulent activity are entitled to a portion of the monies recovered by the government.

TAFEF, a 501(c)(3) entity, and its sister organization, Taxpayers Against Fraud, a 501(c)(4) entity that lobbies in support of the False Claims Act and related laws, were founded in 1986 by whistleblower attorneys to protect the False Claims Act, to educate the public, to support and educate attorneys throughout the country who work in this arena, and to be a resource to whistleblowers.

Having worked in support of the enactment of many state false claims laws, as well as the federal IRS, SEC, and CFTC whistleblower programs, and with many TAFEF members now representing whistleblowers filing complaints under such programs, TAF and TAFEF have expanded their jurisdiction to include these areas as well.

TAFEF currently has 400 members, a staff of six -- all based in Washington, DC – and a budget of \$1.5 million. Funding comes primarily from its members via dues, conference fees, and donations.

The organization is governed by a 9-person board of directors of whistleblower attorneys, successful whistleblowers, and former high-ranking government officials.

To learn more about TAFEF and TAF, please see its website at www.TAF.org.

Principal Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer

The CEO's most important responsibilities include:

1. Providing leadership, vision, strategic direction, and high-level representation to ensure that TAFEF remains the nationally-recognized nonprofit expert in the False Claims Act, analogous state laws, and the IRS, SEC, and CFTC whistleblower programs.
2. Developing and offering high-level products and services to its members so that they can remain up-to-date on issues that affect their representation of whistleblowers.
3. Maintaining strong and positive working relationships with relevant staff in Congress, where there can be periodic attempts to weaken the False Claims Act, and in relevant federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice.
4. Ensuring the financial health of the organization by expanding membership. Membership is strictly voluntary, so TAFEF must provide clear value via its programs.
5. Representing TAF or TAFEF before the media, Congress, the executive branch of the federal government, attorneys, business groups, and others interested in or involved with the False Claims Act and similar whistleblower laws.
6. Motivating staff to continue to perform at the highest levels with creativity and dedication to the mission of TAF and TAFEF.
7. Supporting the board of directors as it carries out its governance responsibilities.

Desired Skills, Experience, and Personal Characteristics

To be successful, the CEO should be:

1. Knowledgeable about advocacy before the U.S. Congress and relevant federal agencies.
2. Committed to the mission of TAFEF. Prior expertise in the False Claims Act and whistleblower laws is not essential, but a law degree is highly desirable.
3. A collaborative leader, able to draw on the knowledge and experience of a dedicated staff and committed membership.
4. An excellent communicator, able to motivate, inspire, and persuade members, staff, colleagues at other organizations, and other stakeholders to take action that helps TAF or TAFEF carry out its mission.
5. Knowledgeable about leading a nonprofit membership association, where providing exceptional customer service to dues-paying members is essential.
6. Comfortable with a hands-on job at a small organization (current staff of six).
7. A successful fundraiser, with experience that includes generating financial support from members via dues, donations, and revenue from programs and services.
8. Able to develop a strong working relationship with the board of directors.

9. Able to travel periodically throughout the country to meet with members, and to attend relevant conferences and meetings.

Compensation

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Compensation also includes a comprehensive benefits package.

To Apply

Please e-mail:

1. cover letter that explains why you're interested and qualified,
2. resume, and
3. three-year salary history (which will be held in strict confidence)

to search consultant Larry Slesinger, Founder and CEO of Slesinger Management Services, at Larry@SlesingerManagement.com.

Please include "TAFEF" in subject line; attached files in Microsoft Word or PDF only.

All applications will be acknowledged promptly.

TAFEF is an Equal Opportunity Employer.