

#### **Vice President of Development Job Description**

Formed in 1998, the Battleship Texas Foundation (BTF) exists today as an advocate for Battleship Texas, and to help develop the historic ship into a premier hands-on museum and visitor attraction.

The Battleship Texas Foundation is currently working on the following preservation efforts and educational outreach programs, to name just a few:

- With our partners in Valkor, we have brought the ship to dry dock in Galveston to completely repair the ship's hull below the waterline.
- Fully restoring the ship's anti-aircraft guns and secondary battery
- Increasing public awareness of Battleship Texas, her history, the men who served on her, as well as her current and future preservation needs.
- Partnering with local museums and organizations to continue displaying Battleship
   Texas artifacts and educational materials while the ship is being repaired.



Job Title: Vice President of Development

**Overview**: In collaboration with the Board of Directors, President/CEO and senior leadership staff, the VP of Development will be responsible for creating and implementing a comprehensive fund development program, including annual giving, major donors, foundation and corporate initiatives and management of special projects, to generate funds for operations; generate significant philanthropic support for the Battleship's education programs and restoration.

The position reports directly to the President/CEO.

# Responsibilities:

# **Fundraising**

- Lead efforts to identify, cultivate, solicit, and steward annual, major, and planned gift donors and prospective donors including individuals, foundations, and corporations.
- Represent BTF to the community including: making presentations to potential donors and community organizations as well as accompanying tours of the Battleship Texas, as needed.
- Prepare local and regional grant submissions and maintain proposal timelines, tracking and reporting.
- Optimize the BTF's existing direct mail campaign to increase annual fund revenue.
- Utilize information systems to maintain donor relationships, track donor progress, and evaluate the success of the fundraising program.
- Oversee donor stewardship / recognition activities.
- Manage the effective engagement / communication to current and prospective donors including letters, invitations to events, website updates, and social media.
- Establish and oversee policies and procedures needed to conduct a professional development program.
- Working with the President/CEO and the Board on the current Capital Campaign for major restoration and visitor experience improvements to the Battleship.



# Management and Administration

- With the assistance of the President/CEO, and Board of Directors, develop, maintain, and update a fundraising strategic plan.

Create and oversee annual fundraising revenue and expense budgets.

- Prepare monthly status reports for Board meetings and/or Development Committee meetings.
- Assists President/CEO with Board recruitment, training, and development. Manages membership services and development of membership database.

#### **Qualifications:**

- A passion for the mission of the Battleship Texas Foundation, historical preservation, education programming, as well as a visionary understanding of the Battleship's potential as a major attraction.
- A minimum of 3-7 years of successful fundraising experience with preference given to those with major gift experience.
- Strong organizational abilities with experience in financial management, program development and project management.
- Demonstrated experience and success with fundraising, and desire to lead implementation of comprehensive, collaborative fundraising plans.
- Demonstrated ability to establish effective relationships with diverse community stakeholders and interested citizens.
- Ability to gather and synthesize information and turn it into a compelling case statement. Ability to
  effectively communicate the Museum's mission and goals to current and prospective donors and
  stakeholders.
- Strong writing, public speaking, and media skills.
- Experience with nonprofit boards of directors.
- Highly self-motivated to take on new challenges.
- Preferred:
  - Experience in either historic preservation, museums, or military history.



- o Knowledge and use of Blackbaud Altru or Razor's Edge fundraising platforms and wealth intelligence/prospect building software such as WealthEngine.
- o CFRE certification.
- o Demonstrated successful grant writing and submission experience
- Previous experience in a museum, historic preservation, or military history organization.

**Compensation:** \$80,000 to \$100,000 commensurate with experience, Full-time salaried position, Competitive benefits provided.

Please email resume to Tony Gregory, President/CEO, Battleship TEXAS Foundation, at tony@battleshiptexas.org.