The Rainforest Foundation – US (RF-US), a leading international human rights and environmental organization, is dedicated to preserving the rights of indigenous and traditional peoples of the rainforest and protecting the rainforest environment. Working closely with local partners, the organization provides financial and technical assistance that helps indigenous populations establish title to the land they live on, manage natural resources, and develop the means to promote and protect their rights.

Position Description: Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director (ED) is responsible for the day-to-day operations of RF-US and for developing and implementing a strategy that will expand the organization’s financial and programmatic base in accordance with objectives developed with, and approved by, the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities: The ED’s responsibilities include:
- Serve as RF-US’s chief executive and principal spokesperson;
- Work closely with the Board of Directors to develop and implement plans and innovative strategies for organizational growth and the fulfillment of RF-US’s mission;
- Manage and work closely with staff to increase donor support and expand, strengthen and market RF-US programs and strategic partnerships;
- Develop and implement creative strategies for expanding outreach and raising funds from institutional and individual donors;
- Build organization’s capacity to communicate with donors, the public and the media;
- Identify and recruit Board members with appropriate experience, skills and commitment.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have the following characteristics:
- Advanced degree preferred with a minimum of seven to ten years senior management experience or equivalent combination of education and experience as leading executive of a nonprofit organization.
- A leader in the field of human rights or environment with international experience.
A leader and manager with a demonstrated track record of creating strategic plans for growth and successfully motivating board and staff as well as donors toward the fulfillment of organizational goals;
- Demonstrated ability in organizational development;
- Successful track record of fundraising with institutional and individual donors and a demonstrated ability to grow revenues;
- Excellent writing and communications skills;
- Knowledge or background in indigenous rights and/or rainforest issues a plus, as is ability to speak Spanish and/or Portuguese.

RF-US is an equal opportunity employer.

To Apply: Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package. Interested candidates should e-mail resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and references to: admin@rffny.org.