

Natural Resources Law Enforcement Experts Central America

OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is seeking qualified **Spanish-speaking** security and law enforcement experts to provide technical assistance in Central America.

BACKGROUND: DOI ITAP provides assistance to developing countries on subjects of Departmental expertise, on a reimbursable basis. The program is currently operating in seventeen countries with support from organizations such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Funded by the U.S. State Department, DOI-ITAP is providing natural resources law enforcement technical assistance in Central America. U.S. resource enforcement officers will conduct on-site consultations with selected law enforcement officials in each country. Through these and other consultations with the State Department and representatives of the host country governments and relevant NGOs, priority training topics will be determined. The selected resource enforcement officers will then conduct law enforcement workshops and field training on the top priority topics for which U.S. expertise is found relevant.

ASSIGNMENT: Three or four teams will travel to the region over the course of the next two years. The assignments will be for approximately 2 weeks in the field, with some days required for preparation and follow-up at duty stations within the U.S.

SCHEDULE: These two-week assignments began in October/November 2006 and will continue over the course of the next two years, with a high degree of flexibility for setting dates amenable to selected candidates. New applications will be accepted through at least the end of 2008.

PRE- AND POST-TRIP DUTIES: All travel and in-country logistics will be handled by DOI. Background material will be provided to the selected individuals prior to departure. The selected individuals will be expected to work in collaboration with the DOI ITAP manager, the State Department representatives and representatives from the U.S. Agency for International Development on the preparation and follow-up for the technical assistance over phone and email.

Within 3 weeks of the completion of the trip, the team will provide the DOI ITAP manager a brief draft trip report of the trip events, evaluations made, and recommendations for future related training and technical assistance in Central America.

COSTS: The International Technical Assistance Program will cover all travel costs associated with this assignment (round-trip airfare, lodging, meals, immunizations, etc.). The salaries of the team members, however, will be paid by their employing DOI agency for the duration of the international assignment, including pre- and post-trip obligations.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Persons wishing to be considered for this assignment:

- Must be a current or retired employee of DOI;
- Must have demonstrated experience in law enforcement techniques and strategies;
- Must have demonstrated knowledge of contending with armed encounters in protected areas related to drug trafficking, unauthorized resource extraction, unlawful settlements, and other illegal activities;
- Must have demonstrated ability to work with and adapt to the needs and abilities of agencies and professionals of different ethnic or cultural groups;
- **Must be comfortable providing training in Spanish;**
- Previous international experience is desirable, particularly experience with security or law enforcement in other countries.

Upon selection, candidates must submit a current physician-signed letter or medical review form indicating fitness for duty.

If you are selected for this assignment you will be responsible for obtaining your supervisor's approval to participate in this program.

HOW TO APPLY

Persons interested in being considered for this international assignment should send a resume or letter summarizing relevant work experience, and a note indicating supervisory concurrence. A form SF 171 is acceptable. Please submit applications (electronically is preferred) to:

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DOI-ITAP will accept applications on a rolling basis and keep all submitted applications on file throughout the course of this program. Applications will be reviewed and interviews conducted as they are received.

All NPS applicants should also copy their applications to Rudy D' Alessandro in the NPS Office of International Affairs.

Application Process

A short list of candidates will be interviewed by telephone. The entire selection process may take several weeks. All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process by telephone, email or letter.

This announcement has been developed in collaboration with NPS/OIA and USFWS/OIA. The position is open to all applicants that meet the stated requirements.