

RESOURCE PROTECTION (LAW ENFORCEMENT) SPECIALIST Republic of Georgia

OPPORTUNITY: The DOI International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) is seeking candidates with a strong resource protection background for a two-week technical assistance assignment to the Republic of Georgia. Candidates should have a well-rounded background in small and medium size operations (less than 30 FTE) such as may be gained in wildlife refuges, national parks, national conservation areas, or similar. Candidates must be experienced at providing formal teaching, on-the-job and practical instruction, and mentoring or coaching. Within the resource protection areas, preference will be given to candidates with background and experience in wildlife protection, including poaching investigation and prevention programs.

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

Since 1999, DOI-ITAP has worked with the Republic of Georgia to develop its national system of protected areas. With funding from USAID/Georgia, DOI-ITAP has provided broad technical assistance at the headquarters level of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural on issues of protected area system management, technical assistance, and training. Assistance has included helping to develop a training center and designing relevant training courses, assessing the Ministry's GIS capabilities and needs, planning visitor services protected area demonstration sites, visitor services infrastructure development, assisting in revising the country's national environmental laws, and others.

ASSIGNMENT: The selected team members will work with Rangers in the Republic of Georgia that have a full range of resource protection responsibilities and do not have authority to carry firearms. Instruction will concentrate on observation, investigation, record keeping, prevention, public education and low-key enforcement. Selected candidate will work under the direction of a team leader experienced in the Republic of Georgia and with another team member that has expertise in complimentary resource protection areas.

A close-out briefing with APA managers will include a discussion regarding the effectiveness of work conducted by the team and recommend APA follow-up actions.

SCHEDULE: Dates for this training are as follows: 13- 24 July 2009. The assignment will be based both out of the nation's capital, Tbilisi, and at field sites. Some time will be required at the home duty station for pre-trip preparation and post-trip follow-up activities (e.g. final trip report and recommendations). While in Georgia, the DOI

specialists selected for this assignment will work closely with the project's Tbilisi-based on-site coordinator.

PRE- AND POST-TRIP DUTIES: All travel and in-country logistics will be handled by DOI-ITAP. Background materials will be provided to the selected individuals prior to the trip. The selected individuals will be expected to work in collaboration with the DOI-ITAP manager on the preparation and follow-up for the technical assistance over phone and via email.

Within three weeks of completion of the trip, the team will provide the DOI-ITAP manager a brief draft report focusing on the trip events, evaluations, and recommendations for future related training and relevant technical assistance in Georgia.

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Persons wishing to be considered for this assignment:

- Preference given to current or retired DOI employees and other USG employees;
- Must have an expansive working knowledge of wildlife law enforcement;
- Experience in delivering law enforcement training and planning is desired;
- Must have a demonstrated ability to work with and adapt to the needs and abilities of agencies and professionals of different ethnic or cultural groups; and,
- Previous international experience is desirable.

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. A form SF-171 is acceptable. Please submit applications (electronically is preferred) to:

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Email: doi_int@yahoo.com

Please contact Barbara Pitkin (Tel: (202) 208-5221; E-mail: barbara_pitkin@ios.doi.gov) or Marc Weitzel (marc_weitzel@fws.gov; 805-644-5185) with any questions.

All applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than COB 17 April 2009.

Applications will be reviewed and interviews conducted as they are received.

All NPS applicants should also copy their applications to Rudy D'Alessandro (rudy_dalessandro@nps.gov) in the NPS Office of International Affairs.

As per NPS policy, if you have traveled for DOI-ITAP within the last 12 months, you are not eligible to apply.

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, e-mail, or letter.

This position is open to all applicants who meet the stated requirements.