

Short Term Assignment

Protected Areas and Biodiversity

Republic of Chile

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OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is seeking two experts to provide approximately one week of technical assistance in Chile.

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 the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the State Department, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. DOI-ITAP has managed short- and long-term multi-partner projects in over 50 countries since 1995.

The Government of Chile has established a new Ministry of Environment which will lead in the design and implementation of policies, plans and programs on environmental issues, such as sustainable development and biodiversity and natural resource protection. A proposed Biodiversity and Protected Areas Service, to be created within the Ministry, will consolidate authority for biodiversity and protected area conservation, prioritizing the effective protection and management of Chile's natural heritage.

The mandate of the U.S. Department of the Interior correlates well with the mandate of Chile's new Biodiversity and Protected Areas Service. DOI is the U.S. Government agency responsible for natural and cultural resource management. As such, DOI manages over 200 million hectares of federal land, which is made up of national parks, refuges, multiple use lands, recreation areas, dams, and historic sites. DOI's has nine technical bureaus, including the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service, which are the US government's lead agencies for protected area and biodiversity management. As such, DOI is in a unique position to provide tailored technical assistance and institutional strengthening to Chile's counterpart Ministry of the Environment.

ASSIGNMENT: ITAP is seeking two subject matter experts to assist the Ministry of Environment of Chile in developing policy and regulations for biodiversity and protected areas.

- One expert with experience in drafting policy and regulations for concessions, funding or financing mechanisms for protected areas, and allowances for non-conservation activities in protected areas.
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- One expert with experience in drafting policy and regulations for the application of the Endangered Species Act, and programs for the protection of biodiversity outside of protected areas.

SCHEDULE: This assignment is expected to cover a one week period in January or February 2013. The assignment will take place in Santiago, Chile.

PRE- AND POST-TRIP DUTIES: All travel and in-country logistics will be handled by DOI-ITAP and/or our in-country counterpart. Background material and briefings will be provided to the selected individuals prior to departure. The selected individuals will be expected to work in collaboration with DOI-ITAP project managers and U.S. Embassy staff on the preparation and follow-up over phone and email to discuss technical aspects of the project.

Within three weeks of the completion of the trip, the individual will provide the DOI-ITAP managers a brief draft trip report of the trip events, evaluations made, and recommendations for future actions. NPS travelers will also submit this report to their Office of International Affairs.

COSTS: DOI-ITAP will cover all travel costs associated with this assignment (round-trip airfare, lodging, meals, medical insurance, immunizations, per diem, 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 obligation. Stipends, or other forms of compensation, are **NOT** available for retiree candidates. Please note that travel expenses will **NOT** count against Bureau travel ceilings.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Competitive applicants for this assignment will:

- Be a current or retired employee of DOI;
- Have demonstrated ability to work with and adapt to the needs and abilities of professionals from different national, ethnic or cultural background;
- Be fluent in Spanish language (preferred but not required);
- Have previous international experience, particularly experience providing technical assistance on natural resource management.
- Have previous experience providing professional training or instruction.

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, as well as additional approvals up your supervisory chain of command as necessary (see below).

HOW TO APPLY

Persons interested in being considered for this international assignment must:

- Send a resume and cover letter summarizing direct, relevant work experience, related to the skills listed under the "Assignment" Section. Please submit electronically to Angel Cordova (angel.cordova@ios.doi.gov) with the subject: "Protected Areas and Biodiversity in Chile"
 - Cover letter and resume should be send as one document (preferably a PDF) with the file name "FULL NAME_BUREAU_JOB TITLE"
- If your supervisor has already given approval, please indicate this.
- All applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than **November 23, 2012**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Questions regarding this assignment should be directed to ITAP project manager Jason Riley at Jason_riley@ios.doi.gov.

NPS applicants should copy their applications to Rudy D'Alessandro (rudy_dalessandro@nps.gov) in the NPS Office of International Affairs. All NPS applicants **must** have the approval to apply from their Associate Director or Regional Director.

All BLM applicants should also copy their applications to Olivia Sierra (osierra@blm.gov) in the BLM Office of International Affairs. BLM applicants **must** have the approval of their immediate supervisor to apply.

Employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement are required to have supervisory approval prior to submitting an application.

Application Process

The entire selection process may take several weeks. A short list of candidates will be interviewed by telephone. All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process by telephone, email or letter. **The position is open to all applicants that meet the stated requirements. If applicants do not receive an email acknowledgement of receipt of their application, please inquire with the Project Managers listed above.**