

Air Pollution and Air Quality; Waste and Soil Contamination and Remediation; Climate Change Impacts and Solutions Experts Needed for Short-Term Assignment in Saudi Arabia

OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Department of the Interior, International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) seeks current U.S. Government employees with expertise in Air Pollution and Air Quality; Waste and Soil Contamination and remediation; Climate Change Impacts and Solutions.

Selected specialists are expected to work closely with DOI-ITAP and in-country partners in the weeks preceding travel in order to understand the needs and requirements of the assignment.

BACKGROUND

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

The King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST, effectively the Saudi Science Ministry and National Labs) will hold the Saudi International Environmental Technologies Conference on May 13-14, 2012. The conference will focus on three general topics:

1. Air Pollution and Air Quality
2. Waste and Soil Contamination and remediation
3. Climate Change Impacts and Solutions

ASSIGNMENT

U.S. Embassy Riyadh is looking for U.S. Government scientists, researchers, and policy makers who specialize in one of the above issues, and/or are interested in engaging with Saudi Arabia on them. The conference will allow ample time for sidebars, meetings KACST's scientists and researchers, and looking for potential cooperative projects.

There will be 300-400 conference attendees. Speakers would be requested to give about at 30 minute presentation. The Embassy will help arrange for outside meetings with various governmental officials and researchers related to your specific field of expertise.

Schedule

May 13-14, 2012

Pre- and Post-Trip Duties

All travel and in-country logistics are handled by DOI-ITAP. Background materials are provided to the selected individuals prior to the assignment. The selected individuals will work with DOI-ITAP staff on preparation and follow-up via phone and email. Within 3 weeks of the completion of the trip, the team will provide DOI-ITAP with a report focusing on trip events, evaluations, and recommendations for future assistance.

Costs

DOI-ITAP will cover travel costs associated with this assignment. 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. No stipends or other compensation is available for retiree candidates.

HOW TO APPLY

Persons interested in being considered for this international assignment must:

1. Send a formal résumé -- a form SF-171 is acceptable.
2. Send a cover letter, summarizing relevant work experience.

Please submit applications (electronic is preferred) to:

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Please contact Emily Kilcrease (Emily_kilcrease@ios.doi.gov; 202-208-7103) or Barbara Pitkin (barbara_pitkin@ios.doi.gov; 202-208-5221) with any questions.

All applications should be submitted as soon as possible **but no later than COB Friday March 16, 2012**. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

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.

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

All NPS applicants must copy their applications to Rudy D'Alessandro (rudy_dalessandro@nps.gov) in the NPS Office of International Affairs. As per NPS policy, NPS employees who have traveled with DOI-ITAP within 12 months of the departure are ineligible.

All BLM applicants must copy their applications to Olivia Sierra (osierra@blm.gov) in the BLM Office of International Affairs.

Application Process

A short list of candidates will be interviewed by telephone. All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process by telephone or email.

The position is open to all applicants that meet the stated requirements. Every effort will be made to select applicants who have not yet had the opportunity to participate on an ITAP assignment.