

Short Term Assignment (2)
Shale Gas Regulatory and Environmental Workshop

1) Republic of Chile, July 2012

2) People's Republic of China, Summer 2012 (exact dates TBD)

OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is seeking five qualified experts on the management of unconventional gas resource extraction, particularly with regard to environmental and regulatory issues.

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 U.S. 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 State Department's Unconventional Gas Technical Engagement Program (UGTEP) seeks to share the U.S. experience and best practices with other countries, to help them understand their resource potential as well as identifying safe and environmentally sound regulatory policies that permit the responsible development of unconventional natural gas. UGTEP aims to work together with governments in a multi-faceted and comprehensive manner through engagement by U.S. technical and regulatory experts at the federal and state level, academic experts from experienced universities, as well as ensuring that local communities and other stakeholders are included in the process. The ultimate goals of UGTEP are to achieve greater energy security in an environmentally sustainable manner.

ASSIGNMENT

DOI-ITAP seeks experts on various aspects of environmental and regulatory issues with regard to unconventional gas resources. The selected experts will participate in a three-day Shale Gas Regulatory and Environmental Regional Conference in Chile, and/or a two-day Shale Gas Regulatory and Environmental Workshop in Beijing. Responsibilities include presenting to international counterparts and other interested parties and participating in discussions. Additional details will be determined in the weeks leading up to the assignment.

Travelers must have significant expertise and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Shale Gas Regulatory & Environmental Frameworks in Various U.S. States
- Legal, Economic and Commercial Investment Aspects of Development
- Establishing a Fiscal Regime to Support a Sustainable Shale Gas Industry
- Federal and State Regulatory Perspective on Shale Gas Development: Bidding, Leasing, Environmental Review and Inspections, Permitting and Well Lifecycle
- U.S. Federal and State Environmental Regulations: Protecting Water and Air Quality
- Overcoming Challenges to Shale Gas Development:
 - Protecting the Environment
 - Engaging with Local Communities

- Overcoming Infrastructure Challenges
- Government and Industry: Effective Engagement and Regulatory Harmonization

SCHEDULE:

The Chile assignment will involve approximately five days of in-country work in Santiago – including three days for the workshop itself (July 14-18). Travel dates for this mission are fixed and inflexible.

The China assignment will involve approximately 4 days of in-country work in Beijing – including 2 days for the workshop itself – in summer 2012 (dates TBD). Travel dates for this mission, once determined, will be fixed and inflexible.

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.

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 agency (for current DOI employees) for the duration of the international assignment, including pre- and post-trip obligation. No stipends or other compensation is available for retiree candidates or State employees for these assignments.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Competitive applicants for this assignment will:

- Be a current or retired employee of DOI, another Federal Agency, or a current employee of a State Agency;
- Have extensive professional experience in the management and regulation of unconventional gas resources; specifically the following:
 - Shale Gas Regulatory & Environmental Frameworks in Various U.S. States
 - Legal, Economic and Commercial Investment Aspects of Development
 - Establishing a Fiscal Regime to Support a Sustainable Shale Gas Industry
 - Federal and State Regulatory Perspective on Shale Gas Development: Bidding, Leasing, Environmental Review and Inspections, Permitting and Well Lifecycle
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- Have extensive professional experience in aspects of managing visitor services in cultural resource settings, including familiarity with social and economic sustainability, public engagement and infrastructure development.
 - Have experience delivering presentations on management issues relative to unconventional gas resources, to varied audiences;
 - Have demonstrated ability to work with and adapt to the needs and abilities of agencies and professionals of different ethnic or cultural groups;
 - Previous international experience (this is not a requirement, although it is preferable);

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.

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 application requirements. Please submit electronically to Levi White (202-208-1480, levi.white@ios.doi.gov) and Patricia Bickley (202-219-0187, patricia.bickley@ios.doi.gov) with the subject: "UGTEP: Chile/China Shale Gas Regulatory and Environmental Workshop."

If your supervisor has already given approval, please indicate this.

All applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than May 25, 2012. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Any and all questions can be directed to the contact information above for Levi White and Tricia Bickley.

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.

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.**