

Short Term Assignment

Unconventional Gas Environmental and Regulatory Issues

Poland

July 2012

OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is seeking a team of three-to-four (3-4) Federal and State Government employees to provide approximately 2 weeks of technical assistance in Poland on environmental and regulatory issues related to unconventional gas.

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 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 two-week assignment in various localities in Poland. The team will work with U.S. and Polish academics to provide technical exchange to Polish provincial governments. Responsibilities include presenting to Polish counterparts and other interested parties. Additional details will be determined in the weeks leading up to the assignment.

SCHEDULE: This assignment is expected to cover a 2 week period in July 2012. The technical assistance will be provided in various localities in Poland.

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 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.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Competitive applicants for this assignment will:

- Be a current or retired employee of DOI;
- Have demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas:
 - Shale Gas Regulatory & Environmental Frameworks in Various U.S. States
 - Overcoming Challenges to Shale Gas Development:
 - Protecting the Environment
 - Engaging with Local Communities
 - Overcoming Infrastructure Challenges
 - Government and Industry: Effective Engagement and Regulatory Harmonization
 - U.S. Federal and State Environmental Regulations: Protecting Water and Air Quality
- Be knowledgeable about one or more of the following areas:
 - 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
- 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 is desirable, particularly experience with unconventional gas development issues 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, 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.

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 Tricia Bickley (202-219-0187, patricia.bickley@ios.doi.gov) with the subject: "Poland Unconventional Gas"
- If your supervisor has already given approval, please indicate this.
- All applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than **June 1, 2012**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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

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.**