

CONSULTANT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION:	Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance / UN-HABITAT
DUTY STATION:	BARCELONA
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	WOP Researcher
DURATION:	12 months
CLOSING DATE:	9 May 2016

BACKGROUND

Following the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) "Hashimoto Action Plan" launched in Mexico in March 2006, UN-Habitat was requested to establish a global mechanism to promote Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs), not-for-profit peer support partnerships between water utilities to develop their capacity to provide quality water and sanitation services to all. The Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance was founded in 2009 to promote effective WOPs as a way of helping countries reach the water and sanitation targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The BEWOP Initiative, launched in September 2013, is a collaboration between UNESCO-IHE and GWOPA. It is a 5-year research and outreach initiative aimed at boosting the effectiveness of WOPs around the world. It aims to strengthen knowledge transfer and change processes in WOPs, in order to maximize the potential for operational improvements of water operators.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will be assisting the Global WOPs Alliance Secretariat in the implementation of the Boosting Effectiveness in Water Operators' Partnerships (BEWOP) project. The consultancy includes the following:

WOP Case Studies - The consultant will prepare at least 2 case studies of pertinent WOPs, applying the analytical framework developed in the BEWOP programme for this purpose. The consultant will also prepare summaries of the full cases, in the form of Narrative reports and factsheets.

WOP Guidance -The consultant will participate in the design and writing of several chapters of the WOP "Step-by-Step" Guide.

WOP Tool Development - The consultant will conduct research and write contributions to various tools being developed in support of the WOP Step-by-Step manual, including:

- The GWOPA standard setting exercise
- The WOP Diagnostic framework
- Various checklists

General - The consultant will also be required to contribute articles to websites, magazines and journals; conduct research in support of diverse GWOPA activities, and identify and forge linkages between various tasks.

COMPETENCIES

The following UN Core Competencies are required:

Professionalism: Shows pride in work and in achievements, Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter, is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results, Is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns, shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges, Remains calm in stressful situations.

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively ,listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately, asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication, Tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience, demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals, Solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others, places team agenda before personal agenda, supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position, shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

QUALIFICATIONS

Other than those mentioned, no specific qualifications are required for this post.

Education

Advanced university degree in water engineering, management sciences, development planning, urban development, social science, or the equivalent combination of education and experience in a related area.

Work Experience

Minimum of 3 years of experience conducting relevant research in the water sector or relevant fields (environment, energy, urban planning, etc.). Specific experience with monitoring and evaluation, analytical frameworks and capacity development is needed. Experience with WOPs an asset. Proven strong writing skills and analytical capacities are required.

Language

The consultant will be required to fluently read, speak and understand spoken English, Spanish and French, and have excellent English writing skills.

REMUNERATION

Payments will be based on deliverables over the consultancy period. There are set remuneration rates for consultancies. The rate is determined by functions performed and experience of the consultant. The fees will be paid as per agreement.

Applications should include:

- Cover memo (maximum 1 page)
- CV in the PHP format, accessible through the INSPIRA website (inspira.un.org). Please note, if using INSPIRA for the first time, you need to register in order to activate your account, which will allow you to log in and create a personal History Profile.
- The PHP should be attached to the application as a PDF file.
- Summary CV (maximum 2 pages), indicating the following information:
 1. Educational Background (incl. dates)
 2. Professional Experience (assignments, tasks, achievements, duration by years/ months)
 3. Other Experience and Expertise (e.g. Internships/ voluntary work, etc.)
 4. Expertise and preferences regarding location of potential assignments
 5. Expectations regarding remuneration

Please also be advised that since April 15th 2010, applicants for consultancies must be part of the UN-HABITAT e-Roster in order for their application to be considered. You can reach the e-Roster through the following link: <http://e-roster.unhabitat.org>

All applications should be submitted to:

GWOPA/ UN-HABITAT
Nostra Senyora de la Merce Pavillion
Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site
Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167
08025 Barcelona, Spain
Email: info@gwopa.org

Deadline for applications: **9 May 2016**

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