United States Agency for International Development
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USAID is announcing a vacancy for the following position

Program Economist (Re-advertisement)

Serves as the principal FSN Program Economist and reports to the USDH Program Economics Officer in USAID/Afghanistan's Office of Program Economics. She/he will be principally responsible for implementing USAID/Afghanistan's growing portfolio of projects in the economic governance sector and in trade policy and capacity building activities. The incumbent will assume primary responsibility for defining, achieving, and reporting on results from USAID investments in economic governance, fiscal policy, private sector development projects and trade capacity building activities and provide substantial assistance in planning and preparing new undertakings within the sector as well as future-year budgets.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:

Under the direction of the USDH Program Economics Officer in USAID/Afghanistan's Office of Program Economics, the incumbent will:

1. The incumbent will provide substantial assistance in planning and preparing new undertakings within the economic governance sector. These are expected to build off of the Mission's initial investments in fostering macroeconomic stability and private sector led growth. They may include technical assistance in the fiscal, monetary, and sectoral policy areas as well as trade and investment.

2. S/he will be engaged in office activities aimed at planning, design and implementation of economic reform-related programs supported by USAID.

3. The incumbent will coordinate closely with the Mission's Democracy and Governance, Power/Energy, Agriculture, and Infrastructure Teams on cross-sector economic issues.

4. S/he will work with the Mission's Office of Program Support to define and report on results from economic governance investments.

5. S/he will provide substantial assistance to the USDH Program Economics Officer in planning and achieving other activities that are part of IR2, as directed by the Program Economics Officer and senior management.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Bachelors degree in Economics, Business or Commercial Law, but a graduate degree is preferred.

Prior Work Experience: Three to eight years of progressively responsible experience in the economics field, economic development program administration, and/or business and commercial development.

Language: Fluent in English (English Level IV) with a capacity to prepare papers, correspondence and analytical materials in English and be able to fully participate in high level meetings carried out in English.

Knowledge: A sound grasp of the policy, technological and institutional factors constraining growth and diversification in the Afghan economy. A strong grasp of policy and institutional factors constraining growth in Afghanistan's international trade and business investment. Good knowledge of USAID program and project management procedures. Computer literacy in word processing, spread sheet preparation and analysis, project scheduling and data base management is required.

Abilities and Skills: Ability to assume the initiative and work independently with confidence and acuity in managing USAID-financed projects. Ability to establish and maintain contacts with USAID contractors, grantees, clients and counterparts in relevant host-government and private sector organizations. Ability to undertake analysis and understand complex and multi-sectoral programs. Ability to analyze USAID agreements, communicate their terms and conditions, review and critique related work plans and deliverables to ensure conformance. And, strong interpersonal skills for dealing with diverse professional and support staff.

Salary Range: FSN 10

THIS IS A LOCAL HIRE POSITION

Applications must be in English. Deadline for submitting applications is 06/03/2004. Applications should be sent electronically, attention to Sameer Lodeen slodeen@usaid.gov or Kamal Paudel kapaudel@usaid.gov and should be submitted by the closing date 06/03/2004. Curriculum Vitae along with expression of interest and a copy of Afghanistan National Identity Card. **Female are encouraged to apply.**

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