Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity - General Development Officer (Private Sector Engagement) - FL-0301-02, 31656

- Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development
- Organization: Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS)
- Location of Position: Washington, DC
- Open Period: April 28, 2020 - May 19, 2020
- Appointment Type: This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not-to-exceed five (5) years
- Salary: (USD) $115,630 - (USD) $169,807 (annually)
- Number of Vacancies: 1

Description of Organization: This position is located in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security’s (RFS) Center for Agriculture-Led Growth. RFS’s mission is to partner to advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, and access to water and sanitation to accelerate and protect progress on the Journey to Self-Reliance. RFS oversees four high-level, integrated efforts in support of this mission: (1) Feed the Future, guided by the Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS), (2) the USAID Multi-Sector Nutrition Strategy, (3) the U.S. Global Water Strategy, and (4) efforts to increase resilience in areas of recurrent humanitarian crisis. To deliver on this work, RFS partners with other Federal Departments and Agencies, USAID Bureaus and Missions, universities, civil society, and other public- and private-sector actors.

The CA leads the Agency’s agriculture work. Through technical assistance, training, and curated learning products, the Center supports USAID Missions’ programming, policy, and partnership work in agriculture input systems, production systems, market systems, and finance. The Center manages global research and analysis investments to generate agriculture innovations and evidence for wide application. Through strategic engagement and partnership, the Center influences global agriculture investments and agendas. The CA Input Systems Division supports the development of agriculture innovations and technologies and identifies and supports delivery pathways to ensure productivity and profitability.

Description of Position: The General Development Officer (Private Sector Engagement) will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

Mission Support (45%)
Serves on RFS Country Support Teams, providing support to Missions to design, implement, manage, monitor, and evaluate RFS-supported programs. Brings specific technical expertise to bear while also representing the broader Center. Contributes to the development of strategies, policies, project/activity designs, procurement materials, analyses, and evaluations across the Agency, adhering to Agency, Bureau, and/or Mission policies and procedures.

Washington Advisory Services (25%)
Serves as a senior technical expert providing technical guidance on commercializing agricultural technologies, practices, and approaches for wide application. Applies expert knowledge of technology adoption, cropping systems, climate resilient agriculture, seed systems, input supply systems, markets, finance, and sustainable crop production to advise on how to maximize the potential for eventual application of innovations through each phase of research and development. Advises Division, Center, and Bureau leadership on creative approaches to strategically link global research supported by the Division/Center with success in field programs. Identifies approaches for effective feedback loops to
integrate field needs into the research portfolio and integrate research outputs into field support. Develops concise written material relevant to for inclusion in briefing materials, responses to Congressional inquiries, reports, and other products. Synthesizes evidence and best practices into learning products to build capabilities of Agency staff and partners. Delivers learning material through trainings or other mediums. Identify context-specific constraints to effective commercial input systems, including policy and institutional issues and infrastructure; advise on how to facilitate expanded private sector engagement and competitiveness in rural input systems; and ensure that results and impacts are captured.

**Project Management 15%**
Designs and manages RFS projects and activities, including research, private-sector partnerships, evaluations, and analyses to advance Bureau and Center/Office priorities. Designs activities in line with Agency and Bureau policies and procurement procedures, working with colleagues in other offices and/or Bureaus to maximize value and linkages with other investments. Oversees work of partners, including reviewing and approving work plans, budgets, reports, and other deliverables submitted by partners. Communicates Bureau and Agency objectives to implementing partners, ensuring relevance of activities. Defines objectives of activity and metrics for success, analyzes progress and performance, and collaborates with partner to adapt as necessary to improve outcomes. Works with colleagues across Bureau to appropriately synthesize and communicate outcomes and outputs to maximize uptake and learning by relevant audiences, including field staff, Bureau leadership, Congress, development partners, or external stakeholders.

**Relationship Management 15%**
Establishes, maintains and manages strong relationships with partner government entities, multilateral and bilateral donors, international organizations, private sector partners, and Non-governmental partners to represent Agency positions, influence agendas, and advance shared objectives. In particular, engages and maintains relationships with private-sector entities, exploring opportunities to enable market-based solutions that advance shared objectives and achieve sustainable outcomes in support of the Agency’s Private Sector Engagement policy. Participates in USAID and other workshops, conferences, and seminars relevant to meeting the responsibilities described above.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level (FS-03) of this position. Examples of specialized experience include: Contributing to the design, analysis, monitoring, and/or implementation of international development programs related to agricultural commercialization. Leading or assisting in project management. Maintaining professional, collaborative relationships with partner government entities, multilateral and bilateral donors, international organizations, private sector partners, or non-governmental partners. Providing technical assistance to clients designing, implementing, or evaluating programs designed to commercialize agriculture technologies.
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret-level security clearance.

**Interested candidates should submit a:**
- Resume/CV;
- A short written statement of interest; and
Official or unofficial transcripts, if education is noted as a requirement above.

ATTN: If you have previously applied for this position, you do not have to resubmit your application.

Please submit your application package to <bfsjobs@usaid.gov>. Please use the subject line “FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: GDO (Private Sector Engagement, 02, RFS/CA.” Application submissions are required by 11:59 pm (EST), May 19th. Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line—or incomplete packages—will not receive consideration.

This notice may be used to fill additional vacancies, as the workforce needs of the Bureau may change.

EEO Policy Statement

Reasonable Accommodation Policy

Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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