



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ORGANIZATION:	UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE)
DEPARTMENT:	Energy-Technology Transfer Unit
DUTY STATION:	Paris
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Consultant for the Global Efficient Lighting Project
GRADE:	Consultancy Contract
DURATION:	12 months beginning 1 November 2012
CLOSING DATE:	20 September 2012

Background:

In 2009 the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat approved the UNEP “Global Market Transformation for Efficient Lighting Project,” also known as “the en.lighten initiative.” The main goal of the Project is to transform the market by promoting high performance, energy efficient lighting technologies and by phasing out inefficient incandescent lighting. The Project: builds synergies among global stakeholders; shares knowledge and information; creates policy and regulatory frameworks; addresses technical and quality issues; and, assists public and private entities to establish efficient partnerships and support country programs.

The Project’s Centre of Excellence convenes en.lighten Taskforces to develop guidance and recommendations and to provide expert advice on strategy, policies, knowledge management and best practices.

The Project’s Global Efficient Lighting Partnership Program assists countries in developing efficient lighting transition strategies to meet a target date of 31 December 2016 for phasing out inefficient incandescent lamps. To date, a total of 47 countries from four continents have joined the Global Partnership Program and more countries are expected to join soon.

A consultant is required to drive and deliver the activities with the Centre of Excellence; launch and supervise the Global Efficient Lighting Partnership activities in selected countries and develop technical guidance and recommendations.



Duties and Responsibilities:

The consultant on efficient lighting is required in order to support a wide range of the project's activities, namely:

The en.lighten Centre of Excellence:

1. Providing technical, logistic and research support to the en.lighten taskforces.
2. Performing liaison functions between the Taskforces and the different organizational structures to ensure excellent information flow.
3. Developing technical documents, analysis and reports as requested by the Centre of Excellence.

The Global Efficient Lighting Partnership Program:

4. Performing liaison functions with the Middle Eastern, African and Commonwealth of Independent States en.lighten partner countries for country support and national activities.
5. Developing training materials, publications and assisting as resource person in support of country or regional market transformation programmes and plans.
6. Providing technical, logistic and research support to partner countries activities, including preparatory activities, inception workshops and strategy development.
7. Provision of support for the organization of the regional and national stakeholder forums in Central Asia, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Ukraine and West Africa.

Competencies:

Professionalism: Active involvement and knowledge in the area of energy efficient lighting. Knowledge of lighting related mandatory or voluntary energy and environment policy initiatives. Ability and experience in working with Governments to provide technical advice on project management, and UN processes and operations both at the regional and national levels. Ability to identify issues, formulate opinions, make conclusions and recommendations. Shows pride in work and in achievements; 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.

Planning and organizing: Proven ability to plan, organize and manage projects, requiring an in-depth understanding of its strategic direction; excellent coordination skills, with ability to work under pressure and handle multiple activities and projects concurrently. Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Teamwork: Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity, including gender balance. Ability to combine independent work and effective participation in an implementation team, based on an information sharing environment that works collectively with other UN agencies.



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Communication: Effective written, oral and presentation skills, including the ability to draft and edit reports, studies and other documents; ability to effectively facilitate and present at meetings and develop consensus, conduct training sessions, and present and difficult issues and positions to senior officials; and, ability to provide advice and guidance when needed.

Technological Awareness: Keeps abreast of available lighting and information technology; understands applicability and limitation of technology to the work of the office; actively seeks to apply technology to appropriate tasks; and, shows willingness to learn new technology.

Qualifications:

Education: Advanced university degree in environment, engineering, political science, law, business administration, or related area, ideally with a specialization in lighting, sustainable development or energy issues.

Experience: Proven experience working on lighting and energy efficiency issues and in a developing country environment. Previous work experience or knowledge of the United Nations system and the Global Environmental Fund is an asset.

Languages: For this post, fluency in spoken and written English and French is required. Knowledge of Spanish, Russian or Arabic is an advantage.

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How to apply

All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the deadline stated in the vacancy announcement. Applications should be sent by email, indicating the interest in the consultancy announcement.

**Applicants should send a letter of motivation, a recent sample of writing and the UN P11 form/ Curriculum Vitae to Mr. Gustavo Manez, project manager:
gustavo.manez@unep.org, by 20 September 2012.**