

Vacancy Notice: Project Consultant on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response

Regional Activity Centre for Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training for the Wider Caribbean Region (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe), Willemstad, Curaçao.

Contract information: Fixed term for 2 years (first 6 months is probationary).

Date of issue: 21/9/2018

Deadline for applications: 5/10/2018

Salary information: Contract allowance US\$60,000 + housing and travel allowances

Purpose of the post: Under the direction of the Director of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe (REMPEITC), the other staff of REMPEITC and in close coordination with IPIECA and IMO, the incumbent will perform a variety of technical and capacity building work related with marine pollution prevention, preparedness and response.

Required competencies: Technical expertise in the field of pollution preparedness and response or other closely related discipline.

Skills in facilitation and coordination of regional and national level technical assistance activities and resource mobilization.

Demonstrated ability to work both in an independent manner and within a team, with excellent attention to detail.

Strong organizational skills, initiative, tact and discretion.

Ability to build and maintain effective and harmonious working relationships with internal and external stakeholders, at all levels.

Willingness to travel extensively and flexibility with regard to work hours.

Professional experience: Three to five years of experience directly or in a field related to pollution preparedness and response. Experience in project management and in particular, with capacity building initiatives in developing countries would be an asset.

Education: University degree in physical or marine science, environmental management, engineering, maritime law or a closely related field.

Language skills: Excellent command of written and spoken English; fluency in Spanish and/or French would be an advantage.

Other skills and experience: Knowledge of international instruments related to pollution prevention, preparedness and response and cooperation (MARPOL, OPRC, OPRC-HNS) and other related IMO Conventions. Practical experience with pollution response would be an advantage. Computer literacy, strong interpersonal skills, excellent written and oral presentation abilities. Web design/editing experience would be an asset.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Capacity building and information management: Implementation of the work plan approved by the Steering Committee of REMPEITC.

Assisting governments in establishing and testing national/regional marine pollution preparedness and response systems.

Facilitating the provision of technical assistance, expertise, and consultancies on OPRC/oil spill related matters to governments, institutions and industry on request.

Maintain and update the regional focal point database for marine pollution emergency response. Engage with in-region country representatives to monitor implementation of national action plans and support the maintenance of Country Profiles on current levels of oil spill risk, response plans and capability. Facilitate trans-boundary coordination/support. Assist in the exchange of information between relevant stakeholders in the region.

Organize specialized meetings/seminars to promote the implementation of the relevant international conventions (OPRC, Cartagena Convention, CLC and Fund, MARPOL 73/78, and OPRC-HNS) in collaboration with REMPEITC staff.

Expand communication in the region via newsletters and the REMPEITC website.

Monitor parallel activities in region and as needed/agreed represent the work of REMPEITC and this Project at meetings, workshops, conferences or other initiatives related to the improvement of oil spill preparedness and response in the wider Caribbean region.

Facilitate cooperation and mutual assistance: Fostering cooperation with United Nations specialized agencies, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and industry, and promoting bi-/multilateral agreements on oil pollution preparedness response and cooperation.

Coordinating regional emergency response activities and facilitating the mobilization of international assistance pursuant to the OPRC Convention on request.

Establishing and maintaining liaison with competent regional and international organizations, including major oil producers, refiners, oil spill clean-up contractors and co-operatives, and oil transporters.

Administrative functions: Prepare the relevant documents for the Steering Committee Meetings and other meetings, seminars, workshops and training courses organized by REMPEITC, as required.

Act as the Secretariat for the Steering Committee meetings, provide meeting reports and outputs as required with the support of other staff members of REMPEITC

Report to the designated IPIECA Steering Group Chairperson and work with the IPIECA Oil Spill Preparedness Group Project Manager, to organize and deliver the quarterly teleconferences, annual face-to-face meeting and any other ad-hoc meeting and engagement events as appropriate.

Undertake such other duties connected to the work of REMPEITC as may be assigned.

How to apply: If you feel you meet the above criteria and would like to apply for the Project Consultant position, please submit your current CV and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the post, before the deadline for applications, to Andy Nicoll at IPIECA **email: andy.nicoll@iecea.org**