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Donor Funded Staffing Program #83

Title: Junior Professional Officer (JPO)

Grade: UC (Ungraded)

Division/VPU: Open Government, World Bank Institute (WBIOG)

Duty Location: Washington, DC

Appointment Type: Co-Terminous Term

Duration: Two Years

BACKGROUND

Learning, innovation, and collaboration are critical accelerators in addressing poverty and vulnerability. In recognition of this the World Bank Institute (WBI) connects practitioners, networks and institutions to help them find solutions to their development challenges.

Within WBI, the Open Government Practice promotes transparency and citizen participation through its programs on Public Financial Management (PFM), Procurement, Governance in Extractive Industries (GEI), Private Sector Engagement for Good Governance (PSGG) and Information and Communication Technology for Governance (ICT4Gov). Multi-stakeholder coalitions and citizen participation are a key element in the consolidation of good governance. Amongst other things, it provides government with a more effective way to help public institutions in meeting the expectations of citizens and, therefore, in promoting more successful and sustainable development.

The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will support WBI's Open Government Practice primarily on the Open Contracting initiative. A growing list of governments, global organizations and networks, including the World Bank, have committed to enhancing contract performance through more effective disclosure and monitoring under the umbrella of Open Contracting.

Open Contracting refers to the norms, practices and methodologies for increased transparency and monitoring in all types of public contracting (including both revenue-generating and expenditure-making agreements). It promotes structured disclosure across the "contracting chain", from pre-award activities through to implementation, in a manner that enables meaningful understanding, effective monitoring, and accountability for results. Priority sectors include the extractive industries, infrastructure, agriculture/forestry as well as general public procurement. Ensuring effective contracting outcomes in Fragile and Post Conflict States is another cross-cutting priority.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The JPO will be a core member of the team supporting implementation of the Open Contracting agenda.

Tasks will include:

- Working with governments on adoption and implementation of Open Contracting practices (initial focus on Africa and East Asia), coordinating with World Bank country teams.

- Supporting implementation of third party contract monitoring projects in the Africa region, including Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda and Kenya, in Asia, including Mongolia and Philippines, and in a range of conflict affected and fragile states, such as Afghanistan, Timor Leste and Nepal.
- Contribute to collaboration with other World Bank teams on integration of Open Contracting practices within revision of World Bank collation of contract data and reinforcement of country based procurement systems.
- Work with a group of external partners, such as the government of Colombia and the government of the Philippines or Transparency International, to promote and coordinate efforts related to Open Contracting. on.
- Contribute to development of a stronger evidence base for Open Contracting, including researching and writing reports, country and sector case studies.
- Contribute to the development of the program's community of practice. This will include developing and managing content for the community platform, for example on procurement reforms in fragile states. . The JPO will especially pay attention to strengthening the existing sub-group for practitioners from fragile states.
- Assist the Program Leader in ensuring linkages to other relevant initiatives, both inside the World Bank Group, and external, such as the Open Government Partnership, sectoral transparency initiatives and the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency.
- Support Program Leader in managing Trust Funds, including keeping track of deliverables, expenditures and reporting. The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving his/her own Government for donor coordination and Trust Fund management.

Please find more information at <http://www.open-contracting.org> and at <http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/topic/governance>.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Minimum: Master's Degree with at least two years of experience in economics, governance, public administration, international relations or other relevant fields.
- Knowledge of governance, ideally including procurement or contracting, transparency and accountability issues and/or knowledge of key sectors: natural resources/ infrastructure/ service delivery.
- Strong organizational, research, and oral presentation skills.
- Proven ability to work in a team and intercultural environment, with minimal supervision.
- Experience of designing and delivering capacity building efforts, including network building, trainings, cross- country knowledge exchanges, etc. is preferable.
- Ability to engage and collaborate with a range of stakeholders, including private sector, government and civil society.
- Hands-on and action-oriented approach.
- Computer skills (Microsoft Office – especially PPT, management of web content is a plus);
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.
- Additional language skills desirable (particularly Arabic, Portuguese and Spanish).
- Enthusiasm for and commitment to development work.
- Willing to travel.
- Field experiences in developing countries is a plus.