POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

REDD+ Institutional and Policy Specialist, Papua New Guinea

Effective with the release of this announcement, Winrock International is recruiting applicants for the position of REDD+ policy and institutions in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for an ongoing USAID-funded regional Sustainable Landscapes program. A highly qualified local candidate is sought to manage the implementation of the policy and institutional interventions designed for PNG along with coordinating with the regional management team in Bangkok. The responsibilities, duties, and qualifications are described in the attached position description.

The position is available immediately.

GENERAL:

Winrock International is a nonprofit organization that works with people in the United States and around the world to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity, and sustain natural resources. By linking local individuals and communities with new ideas and technology, Winrock is increasing long-term productivity, equity, and responsible resource management to benefit the poor and disadvantaged of the world.

Together with Climate Focus and SNV, Winrock International, is implementing the Lowering Emissions in Asia’s Forests (LEAF) Program, supported by USAID’s Regional Development Mission Asia. This Program aims to strengthen the capacity of countries to achieve meaningful and sustained reductions in GHG emissions from the forestry-land use sector and to benefit from the emerging international REDD+ framework. The program is based in Bangkok, with program activities in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea.

SALARY & BENEFITS:

The salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should send a current resume and cover letter referencing “Sustainable Landscapes PNG” to jobs@leafasia.org by November 11th, 2011.

Winrock would like to graciously thank all applicants for their interest but only candidates who meet the requisite criteria and are short listed will be contacted.
POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: REDD+ Institutional and Policy Specialist, Papua New Guinea

LOCATION: Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

REPORTS TO: Chief of Party

PROGRAM SUMMARY:
Winrock is seeking dynamic REDD+ Institutional and Policy Specialist candidates for an ongoing USAID-funded regional Sustainable Landscapes program. The Lowering Emissions in Asia’s Forests (LEAF) program’s goal is to strengthen the capacity of target countries to achieve meaningful and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the forestry-land use sector, and allow these countries to benefit from the emerging international REDD+ framework. The program is based in Bangkok, with activities in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea. The program supports the US Government’s efforts to improve Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) readiness in developing countries.

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ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Build collaborative relationships with Government, private sector, civil society stakeholders and other development partners involved in REDD+ in PNG.
- Explore opportunities with Government of PNG for the LEAF project to support development of a governance framework for REDD+.
- Implement identified cooperation opportunities with Government authorities, NGOs and/or the private sector.
- Share PNG’s experiences in the development of REDD policy and institutions with other countries.
- Develop and implement robust, transparent mechanisms that equitably, efficiently and cost effectively deliver benefits to key stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and forest-dependent communities.
- Contribute to national and regional policy dialogues regarding PNG’s developing REDD+ program including advising policy makers, ensuring social and environmental safeguards are in place, and contributing to the development of financial mechanisms.
- Maintain networks and manage relationships with partners, policy makers and other stakeholders.
- Prepare reports, memos, presentations, and lessons learned, as needed.
- Reports to the Chief of Party and responds to his requests.

QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND:

Education: Advanced degree in natural resource economics, political science, environmental law, sustainable development, or other relevant field.

Work Experience:
- Minimum 3 years working experience or a combination of education and experience in natural resource economics, natural resources management, political science,
environmental law, sustainable development, or other relevant field. International
relations desirable.

- Working experience in REDD+ development either at the project level or within the
  context of programmatic design. Experience in capacity building on REDD+, natural
  resource management or climate change with the Government of PNG or a similar
  combination of education and experience.

Skills:

- Technical understanding of REDD+. Familiarity with non-Annex I reporting requirements
  and processes under UNFCCC is an added plus.

- Knowledge of PNG’s forest and natural resource sectors and climate change policies,
  laws, development and management issues is highly desired.

- Experience working in the forest, natural resource and climate change sectors,
  especially related to financial and incentive mechanisms such as PES, REDD+ or CDM.

- Good understanding of institutional framework and forest governance structures in PNG
  at national, provincial and local level.

- Must be comfortable working across Ministries and departments in the Government of
  PNG.

- Demonstrated and proven record working in a multidisciplinary team under changeable
  and complex circumstances.

- Excellent management, communication, and organization skills are required.

- Working level computer skills (word-processing, spreadsheets) are required.

Other: Papua New Guinean citizenship with fluency in written/oral Tok Pisin and English