

UNOPS helps its partners in the United Nations system meet the world's needs for building peace, recovering from disaster, and creating sustainable development. UNOPS is known for its ability to implement complex projects in all types of environments around the globe. In an effort to promote organizational excellence, UNOPS seeks highly qualified individuals for the following position:

Vacancy Details

Vacancy code: VA/2016/B5109/10378
Post Title: Technical Officer for Public Private Partnership
Post Level: L-ICA 8
Org Unit: ECR, RSPC, Serbia
Duty Station (DS): Home based
Duration: Up to 50 w/days in period of one year
Closing Date: 10 July 2016

1. Programme Background

European PROGRES is a multi-donor Programme, financed by the European Union (EU), the Government of Switzerland and the Government of Serbia, designed to support sustainable development in the South East and South West Serbia. The Programme has been conceptualised jointly with the European Integration Office of the Government of the Republic of Serbia (SEIO), which has responsibility for monitoring implementation and providing assistance and facilitation. The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) has been granted with an initial budget of 17.46 million Euros and has the overall responsibility for the Programme implementation.

Through a multi-sector approach this Programme will contribute to sustainable development of underdeveloped areas and creation of more favourable environment for infrastructure and business growth by strengthening local governance, improving vertical coordination, planning and management capacities, improving business environment and development, as well as enhancing implementation of social inclusion and employment policies.

The Programme works towards achieving four main results, while good governance principles are interwoven as a cross cutting aspect of the entire intervention:

1. Strengthened local governance, planning and management capacities through introduction of new, or improvement/elimination of existing procedures and processes in line with the principles of good governance
2. Increased competitiveness of local economy through improved business environment and management/organizational capacities of small and medium enterprises/agricultural cooperatives
3. Improved access to employment, offering equal opportunities to both men and women, and social inclusion of the most vulnerable and marginalised groups through development and implementation of local policies resulting in reduced migration from South East and South West Serbia
4. Effects of Serbia's European accession communicated to general public.

The final beneficiaries, but also the key stakeholders and financial contributors of this Programme are 34 municipalities from the third and fourth group of development level, which have responsibility of taking ownership of activities implemented in their territory:

- Novi Pazar, Ivanjica, Nova Varoš, Priboj, Prijepolje, Raška, Sjenica and Tutin, in the South West Serbia
- Prokuplje, Blace, Žitorađa, Kuršumljija in the Toplica District
- Leskovac, Bojnik, Vlasotince, Lebane, Medveđa and Crna Trava in the Jablanica District
- Vranje, Bosilegrad, Bujanovac, Vladičin Han, Preševo, Surdulica and Trgovište in the Pčinja District
- Brus in the Rasinska District
- Aleksinac, Gadžin Han, Doljevac, Merošina and Svrlijig in the Niški District
- Babušnica, Bela Palanka in the Pirotski District

- Knjaževac in the Zaječarski District.

Other beneficiaries include municipality-founded institutions and public utility companies, civil society organisations (CSO) and media in the participating municipalities. It is the inhabitants of the South East and South West Serbia who will feel the biggest benefits of the Programme.

The Programme organised a Public Call for provision of technical support for establishment of Private Public Partnership (PPP) in developing public services through investment in new facilities and exploitation of the municipally owned land and facilities¹. Through the Call, three local self governments (LSGs) were selected for support for development of PPP projects for reconstruction of public lighting: Raška, Surdulica and Knjaževac. The PPP projects will be implemented based on Energy Service Company (ESCO) model for performance contracting. The Programme will provide technical assistance to LSGs for preparation of the PPP Project Proposals in accordance with the Law on Public-Private Partnership and Concessions² (PPP Law). All three beneficiary LSGs have developed a technical-economic studies for reconstruction of the municipal public lighting system. The Studies contain baseline data on the existing system, proposed solution for the new public lighting system, investment costs and payback period for the investment. Additionally, all three LSGs have established a Working Group for PPP which includes legal, financial and technical experts.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

Purpose and Scope of Assignment

Under the direct supervision of the Sector Manager for Competitiveness, the Technical Officer for PPP will provide technical assistance to the three LSGs for development of PPP Project Proposals for reconstruction of the public lighting systems based on the ESCO model.

The Technical Officer for PPP will be responsible for:

- Conducting a technical check of the Studies for the reconstruction of public lighting in three LSGs. The officer will check the baseline data of the existing system and proposed new solution of the LSG public lighting. If needed, the Officer will provide recommendations for improvement of the energy efficiency measures for the public lighting system.
- Based on the Studies, the Officer will prepare technical analysis of the three PPP Project Proposals. The Project Proposals should be prepared in accordance with the legal framework for PPP in Serbia and must contain following sections: basic information about the LSGs, description of the current system and quality of public lighting service, maintenance and costs of the existing system, proposal of new LSGs public lighting system solution, the savings in the operation costs of the new public lighting system and conclusion of the technical analysis.
- Organising three workshops on risk identification and facilitate identification of potential technical risks for PPP Project Proposals with the LSGs. The workshops will be organised in cooperation with other two retainer Officers engaged by the Programme - Finance and Legal Officers for PPP.
- Providing inputs for defining technical criteria for candidate qualification for the PPP public tender documentation. If needed, provide support to LSGs for evaluation of bids.
- Providing technical inputs for drafting the three PPP contract models.
- Providing technical support to European PROGRES regarding all technical aspects of PPP activity, as requested.

1 The Public Call was conducted in January – March 2016 period It is available at <http://www.europeanprogres.org/konten/en/358/Provision-of-technical-support-for-establishment-of-private-public-partnership-in-delivering-public-services-through-investment-in-new-facilities-and-exploitation-of-the-municipally-owned-land-and-facilities/>

2 The Law on Private-Public Partnership and Concession, available at <http://www.ppp.gov.rs/pravni-okvir>

3. Required Selection Criteria

a. Education

- Master or PhD degree in electrical engineering, organisational science or any related field is required.
- Bachelor Degree with additional two years of experience might be accepted in lieu of Master Degree.

b. Work Experience

- Minimum two years of relevant work experience in development of PPP models and/or Energy Management Systems in public buildings is required.
- Experience in development of technical analysis of the PPP Project Proposal on municipal level is mandatory.
- Experience with the UN or the EU, or other international organisation is an asset.

c. Language Requirements

- Fluency in English and Serbian is required

d. Key Competencies

- Very good understanding of Serbian PPP legal framework
- Very good organisational and inter-personal skills
- Formulates written information clearly and persuasively
- Accountability for management of time, establishing clear performance goals, standards, and responsibilities
- Able to perform a variety of standard tasks related to results management, including screening and collecting of project documentation, projects data entering, preparation of revisions, provision of information
- Focusses on impact and result for the client and responds positively to feedback
- Builds strong relationships with clients and external actors
- Demonstrates commitment to UNOPS' mission, vision and values, including cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability
- Drivers licence essential and ability to travel independently

Submission of Applications

Qualified candidates may submit their application, including a Letter of Interest, Curriculum Vitae and updated United Nations Personal History Form (P.11) to UNOPS via UNOPS Global Personnel Recruitment System at following link:

<https://gprs.unops.org/Pages/ViewVacancy/VADetails.aspx?id=10378>

Kindly note that this is a local position open to nationals of Serbia and to individuals who have a valid residence/work permit.

Additional Considerations

- Please note that the closing date is midnight Copenhagen time (CET)
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- For staff positions only, UNOPS reserves the right to appoint a candidate at a level below the

- advised level of the post.
- The incumbent is responsible to abide by security policies, administrative instructions, plans and procedures of the UN Security Management System and that of UNOPS.

It is the policy of UNOPS to conduct background checks on all potential recruits/interns. Recruitment/internship in UNOPS is contingent on the results of such checks.

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