GRID3 World Bank Consultant

Term: 12 months consultancy
Based in Washington, DC

INTRODUCTION
GRID3 (Geo-Referenced Infrastructure and Demographic Data for Development) works with countries to facilitate the production, collection, use, and dissemination of high-resolution population, infrastructure and other reference data in support of national development priorities, humanitarian efforts, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The program combines the expertise of partners in government, United Nations, academia, and the private sector to design adaptable and relevant geospatial solutions based on capacity and development needs of each country.

GRID3 is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development (DFID). It is implemented by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), WorldPop at the University of Southampton and Flowminder Foundation, and managed by Columbia University’s Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN).

The project was launched in March 2018 and is currently active in eight African countries: Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, and Zambia.

OBJECTIVES
GRID3 is seeking a consultant to be based at the World Bank Group headquarters in Washington, D.C. and serve as a link between the GRID3 and WB teams, focusing on opportunities for collaboration and additional funding.

Under the supervision of CIESIN and guidance from the World Bank, the consultant will:

- Research and consolidate opportunities for collaboration between GRID3 and the World Bank Group teams
- Update World Bank Group teams and affiliates on the progress of GRID3 work
- Identify potential sources of additional funding and engage with World Bank Group affiliates
- Work with GRID3 partners and stakeholders to support alignment of strategic goals and initiatives
- Connect with geospatial, regional, and development (health, education, agriculture, etc.) teams and projects supported by the World Bank regionally and in Washington, D.C.
- Other research as needed - focused on research within the World Bank Group

DELIVERABLES

- World Bank landscape analyses relevant to GRID3 strategic plans (1 month after signing contract)
- Monthly reports on
  - potential collaborations or funding available within the World Bank Group
  - analysis of similar and/or complementary programs within the World Bank that strengthen the strategic vision of GRID3 and in-country work plans
  - other materials and research as requested

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor’s degree in a related field required, Master’s degree desired
● 2-3 years of professional experience in a related field, including experience in research, outreach, fundraising, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement
● Familiarity and experience working with geospatial data and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
● Experience in international development or global affairs preferred
● Strong interpersonal, communication, and presentation skills
● Strategic mindset with strong problem-solving and analytical skills
● Fluency in English is required; working proficiency in French, Portuguese, or other major languages is an advantage
● Ability to travel at least monthly to New York City to interact with CIESIN GRID3 staff

APPLICATION PROCESS
Interested candidates are invited to submit an application including:
● Cover letter
● CV including references
● Daily fee (all inclusive, in USD)

Please submit your application to ajordan@ciesin.columbia.edu no later than March 13, 2020. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as review of applications will begin immediately.