

JOB DESCRIPTION

Civil Society Expert Ecuador

General Information

The Trust for the Americas is a D.C. based 501 (c) (3) non for profit corporation affiliated with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. The Trust implements projects in the areas of transparency, anti corruption, civil society capacity building, labor rights, free trade and freedom of expression. Trust activities focus on the 34 countries of the Western Hemisphere. Substantial funding for programs is provided by U.S. government sources, particularly USAID and the Department of State.

The Trust is interested in receiving applications for the position of civil society expert for a 3 year civil society program in Ecuador. The civil society expert will be responsible for implementing a comprehensive capacity building strategy for civil society organization in Ecuador including training and human capability development, organizational development, advocacy, coalition building, and institutional and legal framework development. Experts with long-term field experience in overall management of large and complex donor-funded development projects (especially projects with major grant making/administering components) are encouraged to apply.

The project will involve civil society strengthening, democratic governance, freedom of association, freedom of the press, social inclusion, gender issues, and the development of legal and regulatory frameworks.

Qualifications

- Candidates must have a minimum of eight years relevant international experience implementing civil society strengthening programs in developing and/or transitioning countries,
- Advanced degree in a relevant technical field
- Experience working in Latin America; experience in Ecuador is highly desirable
- Experience working with grassroots civic and social organizations and non-governmental organizations and/or experience working with governmental organizations, ministries, and other government agencies
- Experience in grants administration, procurement, and logistics highly desirable
- Previous USAID experience is highly desirable
- Fluency in English and Spanish is required
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to lead complex program components related to media strengthening, CSOs laws and regulations, financial and institutional sustainability, watchdog and advocacy.

Terms of contract: Position will be based in Ecuador. This is a project funded position with 30 month duration. Please send resume, cover letter, salary history, references via email to civilsocietyecuador@gmail.com. No phone calls please. Candidates who

attempt to contact the Trust via phone will be disqualified from the process. The Trust is an EOE employer.