



**GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
Department of Sustainable Development (DSD)
Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)**

Energy Consultant
Call for Resumes
WASHINGTON DC

Type of Appointment:	Product Based Consultant
Organizational Unit:	Sustainable Energy Section, Department of Sustainable Development
Start Date:	June 1, 2021
Initial Period of Performance:	12 months (contingent upon availability of funds)
Consulting Fee:	From \$4,000 to \$6,000 (Final remuneration will be based on skills, experience and workplace location)
Duty Station:	Washington DC. (Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the selected person will work from their home country until further notice)

The Organization of American States

The Organization of American States is the world's oldest regional organization, dating back to the First International Conference of American States, held in Washington, D.C., from October 1889 to April 1890. That meeting approved the establishment of the International Union of American Republics, and the stage was set for the weaving of a web of provisions and institutions that came to be known as the inter-American system, the oldest international institutional system.

The OAS came into being in 1948 with the signing in Bogotá, Colombia, of the Charter of the OAS, which entered into force in December 1951. It was subsequently amended by the Protocol of Buenos Aires, signed in 1967, which entered into force in February 1970; by the Protocol of Cartagena de Indias, signed in 1985, which entered into force in November 1988; by the Protocol of Managua, signed in 1993, which entered into force in January 1996; and by the Protocol of Washington, signed in 1992, which entered into force in September 1997.

The Organization was established in order to achieve among its member states—as stipulated in Article 1 of the Charter—"an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence."

Today, the OAS brings together all 35 independent states of the Americas and constitutes the main political, juridical, and social governmental forum in the Hemisphere. In addition, it has granted permanent observer status to 69 states, as well as to the European Union (EU).

The Organization uses a four-pronged approach to effectively implement its essential purposes, based on its main pillars: democracy, human rights, security, and development.

The Department of Sustainable Development



The Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) supports OAS member States in the design and implementation of policies, programs and projects that integrate environmental priorities with poverty alleviation, and socio-economic development goals. Translating sustainable development and environmental protection goals into concrete actions, DSD supports the execution of multiple country projects in such diverse areas as Integrated Water Management, Energy and Climate Change Mitigation, Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation, Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management and Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance. The Department also supports transparency and Public Participation, as practical ingredients of good governance.

The Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas

At the April 2009 Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, leaders of the Western Hemisphere underscored that energy and climate change are among the most important issues confronting our future and they reaffirmed their commitment to work together towards a clean energy future. Under the ECPA umbrella, governments and private sector partners contribute resources to implement initiatives. The actions led by partner countries focus on the following Fundamental Pillars:

- **Energy Efficiency:** Promote best policy practices through assistance in developing building codes and other standards in the industrial and residential sectors, as well as training for energy audits.
- **Renewable Energy:** Accelerate clean energy deployment via project support, policy dialogues, scientific collaboration, and the clean energy technology network.
- **Efficient Use of Fossil Fuels:** Promote clean energy technologies to reduce both conventional pollution and the carbon footprint of fossil fuels, as well as best practices on land use management.
- **Energy Infrastructure:** Foster modernized, integrated, and more resilient energy infrastructure, particularly electrical grids and gas pipelines.
- **Energy Poverty:** Target urban and rural energy poverty with strategies to promote sustainable urban development and improve access to modern clean energy services and appropriate technologies in rural areas that can improve public health and reduce fuel wood use that benefits forest management.
- **Regional Energy Integration:** Promote regional energy coordination, cooperation, or harmonization (where feasible) and interconnection between and among countries in the Americas, in order to foster complementarity for the sustainable development of the Region.
- **Energy Research and Innovation:** Encourage technological development of innovative systems that make renewable energy widely affordable and available, while fostering applied research based on country-specific needs.

DESCRIPTION

The Consultant will support the energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA). The Consultant is expected to influence the understanding of energy, climate resilience and the environment through training of government and technical stakeholders as a means to support the use of sustainable energy technologies and foster low carbon economic growth in OAS Member States. The Consultant will support OAS countries in their efforts for greater energy efficiency and the advancement of cleaner energy technologies.

The Consultant will work with staff at the OAS General Secretariat, the U.S. National Institute for Standards and Technology, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Permanent Missions of the Member States to the OAS,



government officials from across the region, and other energy stakeholders. The Consultant will report to the Sustainable Energy Chief of Section of the Department of Sustainable Development.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate technical and capacity building activities focused on energy and climate change in beneficiary countries.
- Draft Terms of Reference for local and international consultants, monitor their progress, and provide technical inputs when needed.
- Build relations with key project stakeholders (e.g., focal points, OAS permanent missions, scientific community, and normalization and accreditation bodies).
- Prepare quarterly and semiannual narrative and financial reports in adherence with technical and financial OAS General Secretariat standards.
- Participate in the development of concepts on technical activities in the fields of metrology for energy, climate resilience, and the environment.
- Provide technical advice, deliver expertise, and conduct research on calibration standards hierarchy, metrological traceability, and internationally-recognized measurement standards, among others.
- Liaise with other OAS Secretariats, Departments and Sections in the areas of Finance, Human Resources, Procurement, Communications, Country Offices and Permanent Missions as needed.
- Facilitate policy dialogue with OAS Member States on a range of complex energy, climate resilience, and the environment issues.
- Identify and nurture opportunities for participating in the broader policy dialogue on energy and climate change.
- Work closely with Sustainable Energy Chief of Section to identify new project opportunities.
- Work constructively with partners, including bilateral and multilateral organizations, NGOs, civil society, and other relevant energy stakeholder.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Fluency in Spanish and English with exceptional writing skills. (required)
- Academic degree in Industrial, Chemical or Environmental Engineering. (required)
- Minimum experience of seven years managing sustainable development projects in the context of an international or multilateral organization. (required)
- Strong analytical skills in the field of metrology, as demonstrated by a range of relevant products produced in response to country needs.
- Deep knowledge and understanding of the linkages between metrology, energy, climate resilience, and the environment
- Experience coordinating sustainable development initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean region.



- Experience conceptualizing projects and recommending policy options based on scientific evidence.
- Ability to enable high-level policy dialogue with ministries of energy, environment and commerce, national metrology institutes, and normalization and accreditation bodies and other stakeholders.
- Excellent interpersonal and team skills. Proven ability to work effectively and collaboratively within and across sector boundaries, and inspire commitment to excellence and teamwork and to liaise tactfully as member of a multicultural team.
- Ability to work under pressure and to plan, schedule and organize multiple tasks and a high volume of deliverables.
- Experience in the preparation of projects following OAS guidelines and standards, knowledge of the OAS Project Management System (PMS), and ability to generate requisitions, produce reports, and generate purchase orders in the OAS financial system are a plus.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants must submit cover letter and résumé in **one single PDF file** via e-mail to ECPAmericas@oas.org. Applications submitted in a different format will not be considered.

The deadline to apply is **March 10, 2021 at 11:59PM (EST) UTC -05:00**. Applications submitted past the deadline will not be considered.

Preference will be given to nationals of OAS Member States.

No phone calls.