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GENERAL SECRETARIAT ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

LAWYER SPECIALIST IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Call for résumé/curriculum vitae

WASHINGTON DC

Type of contract: Consultancy

Organizational unit: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

Start: September 15, 2012

Duration: 5 months (full time)

Remuneration: US\$ 4,400/month. Each month's pay will be subject to the satisfactory accomplishment of the corresponding chapter of the report that constitutes the object of the contract. The last of the payments will be condition that the final draft of the report contains the observations made by the Executive Secretary of the IACHR.

Place of employment: country of residence.

Duties and responsibilities:

Preparation of a "Thematic Report on the Situation of Justice Operators in the Americas" that will include concrete recommendations on the matter for the State members of the Organization of the American States (OAS). For the fulfillment of the object the consultant will have to carry out the following activities:

- a. To prepare, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, the conceptual approximation that the term 'justice operator' would have with the effect of preparing the report.
- b. To work on a questionnaire to distribute among state members and civil society with the objective of gathering information for the report.
- c. To compile and to systematize information on the standards of International Law with special emphasis on the Inter-American system, on the matter of impartiality and independence of justice operators.

- d. To gather information of normative character on the obstacles to ensure the independence and impartiality of the justice operators in the states members of the OAS. To systematize and describe the main types of weaknesses and obstacles identified and to exemplify them using the compiled information.
- e. To collect information on the factual weaknesses and obstacles that condition the impartiality and independence of justice operators in the Americas. To systematize and describe the main types of weaknesses and obstacles identified and to exemplify them using the information put together.
- f. To complete a final report on the situation of justice operators with the product of the above mentioned activities and to prepare conclusions and recommendations pertinent to the state members of the OAS.
- g. To include to the final product the inputs and observations that could be carried out by the Executive Secretary of the IACHR and the rapporteur on Human Right Defenders.

The property of the products that will be obtained in the frame of this project is exclusive to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Requirements:

Lawyer with graduate or doctorate studies completed, expert in comparative constitutional law with knowledge of International Human Right law and with published work in the subject of independence and impartiality of justice operators. Knowledge of English and Spanish.

Application:

- Send an updated résumé/CV that proves experience in comparative constitutional law and in international human right law. Send as well, a certification of the published work on the subject of independence and impartiality of justice operators.
- Send a certificate testifying knowledge of English language.
- Send copy of the title of graduated master/doctor student and transcript of grades obtained
- Send an essay on the subject no more than 5 pages long.

Send all documents by e-mail to cidhdefensores@oas.org. Applications will be received till the August 30, 2012.