CONSULTANCY ASSIGNMENT C.A. 20-01:
CONSULTANT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGAINST POLLUTION RESULTING FROM OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

This assignment aims at providing support to the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) administered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which was established within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Department/Office: Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

Assignment period: 1 June to 31 December 2020

Type of assignment: Home-based

Expected duration: Home-based contract, subject to renewal for a further period based on certification by IMO that the performance of the duties and the work carried out are satisfactory.

Renumeration: EUR 5,000.00 net per month

Deadline for applications: 17 May 2020

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Under the direct supervision of the Head of REMPEC, the Consultant will perform a variety of technical, programme support and policy functions related to the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the seabed and its subsoil. The overall objective is to provide programme implementation support for the practical implementation of the Regional Offshore Protocol. In particular, the consultant will:

1. Support the implementation of the regional offshore protocol and the related action plan, which focuses on the protection of the marine environment from pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the seabed and its subsoil.
2. Identify priority areas for the implementation of the protocol and its action plan.
3. Coordinate regular meeting of the Offshore Protocol Focal Points.
4. Oversee the development, review and preparation of manuals and guidelines for publication.
5. Prepare and implement technical cooperation activities and projects, the organization of missions and consultancies; seminars and training courses, delivered under the auspices of the Regional Offshore Protocol.
6. Provide routine technical advice to Mediterranean coastal States and stakeholders on topics covered by the Regional Offshore Protocol and its action plan.
7. Keep abreast of relevant technical advances, best practices, research and development initiatives, and key policy developments in the field of offshore exploration and exploitation, notably with respect to prevention, preparedness, response and mitigation.

8. Establish, develop and maintain relationships with the representatives of the competent national authorities, petroleum organizations, non-governmental organizations, oil and gas industries, professional organizations and other partners relevant partners.

9. Update thematic assessment products related to pollution of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme, by gathering relevant data, coordinating the preparation of related studies and technical documents and by upgrading and implementing MAP Components’ databases and data platforms.

10. Provide Secretariat support to meetings organized by REMPEC, and meetings organized under the Barcelona Convention, which includes the preparation of briefs, documents and reports.

11. Represent the Organization at external conferences, seminars, meetings and similar events, prepare and provide technical papers and lectures, as required.

12. Undertake other duties within the remit of the role, as may be assigned.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

- Broad and in-depth knowledge of overall environmental management, offshore engineering or a closely related field is required.
- At least three years of progressively responsible experience in delivering project services that includes management and implementation of projects, policies and strategies is required.
- Experience with technical assistance interventions to support Member States in the implementation of international and regional treaties and commitments related to environmental protection against pollution resulting from offshore activities is desirable.
- Demonstrate previous project management experience and an aptitude for international communication and collaboration.
- A sound understanding of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and knowledge of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention and the regional context would constitute an asset.
- Knowledge of and experience in regulatory bodies, programmes or fora overseeing offshore oil and gas activities and related policy areas is an asset.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

University degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in maritime administration or management, maritime affairs, environmental law, marine science, engineering, environmental management, offshore engineering or a closely related field.

Possession of a post-graduate degree in a relevant subject will be considered a distinct advantage.

Language: Proficiency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of any language(s) used in the Mediterranean region would be an advantage.

Other Skills: Proficiency in MS Office applications is essential.
HOW TO APPLY
Consultancy applications must include an up to date Personal History Form (also available from our website www.imo.org) and should be accompanied by a cover letter stating the reasons for applying and experience relevant to the consultancy assignment.

Submissions must be sent to the following email address: contracts@imo.org.

Only consultancy applications submitted via email will be accepted.

Please state reference CA 20-01 and the consultancy assignment title in the subject line.

Please do not send applications via multiple routes.