Job Title: Global Climate Change Specialist
Grade: GS-0301-13
Area of Consideration: All Sources
Type of Appointment: Excepted Service (Time Limit) Appointment
Length of Appointment: Up to 5 years
Opening Date of Announcement: March 28 2014
Closing Date of Announcement: April 25 2014

You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for this position and be able to obtain and maintain a secret security clearance for this assignment. This is an Excepted Service, Schedule B appointment not to exceed 5 years.

Overview:

The individual selected for this position will be administratively assigned to the Rural Development and Natural Resources Branch (RDNR) of the Development Resources and Disaster Assistance Division (DRDA), Office of Capacity Building and Development (OCBD), Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (FAS/OCBD/DRDA/RDNR) but will be located in and work directly with the U.S. Agency for International Development/Economic Growth, Education and Environment Bureau (E3), Global Climate Change Office.

The USAID Global Climate Change (GCC) Office is responsible for USAID's participation in forums that deal with climate change, coordinating with the international organizations that have taken the lead on climate change and development and for analytical work to deepen understanding of building resilience to climate change and promoting low-emissions development in developing and transition countries. The GCC Office supports the Agency Global Climate Change Coordinator on climate change activities and with coordination with other agencies and bureaus and offices at USAID. The Office also ensures oversight and reporting on USAID's activities in support of the Agency's Global Climate Change Initiative.

The Global Climate Change Specialist will provide technical support and advice to USAID field missions and bureaus with strategy development, design, performance monitoring and evaluation of USAID-sponsored climate change programs, particularly those related to climate change adaptation and integration. S/he will be responsible for improving indicators, tools, and guidance related to monitoring the results of USAID climate change programs, in particular climate change adaptation and integration programs. The Specialist will provide quality control on performance reporting, help maintain a system of consolidating performance data, and analyze data for management and communications purposes. S/he will coordinate the collection of contextual data relevant to USAID climate change programs. The Specialist will interact regularly with field missions, provide regular updates on performance monitoring guidance to the field, coordinate with other donor agencies, and help improve and deliver training on monitoring and evaluating climate change assistance. S/he will involve missions in the broader development efforts and implementation of USG climate programs. S/he will work in a team setting with other GCC office staff, in particular the GCC Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist.

Required Skills:

• Expert knowledge and mastery of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the efforts of the U.S. Government in the field of climate change and developing nations.
• Seasoned ability to clearly and concisely, in writing and orally, convey technical concepts, technical information and policy positions regarding global climate change. Previous experience relating to climate change is a USG agency id highly desirable.
• In-depth knowledge of, or experience in the following areas: a) the energy, forestry, and/or agricultural sector in developing nations, and b) developing nation's efforts to promote environmentally sustainable development and stave off the threat of climate change.
• Demonstrated ability to foster linkages between science, technology and policy.
• Seasoned ability to evaluate program performance, analyze issues, and prepare workable recommendations to resolve problems and improve program impact.
• Proven ability to guide teams and work with management to implement programs and recommendations to improve program performance and resolve problems.
• Knowledge of and/or experience in developing countries. Skill and ability in strategic planning and technical analysis.
• Ability to travel extensively in the U.S. and overseas, particularly in developing countries, sometimes under strenuous conditions in remote locations.

Please read all the instructions before you begin.

To apply for this position, you must submit a complete Application Package to: FAS-SCHB-APPLIC@wdc.usda.gov with the subject line: **FAS-OCBD-14-143** which includes the following:

1. Resume
 2. MUST submit cover letter individually addressing your experience and qualifications of the "Required Skills".

In addition to your Application Package, if you are applying for Veteran Preference, submit evidence of eligibility, such as DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or Application for Veteran Preference (Standard Form 15) and the proof requested on the form.

Applications that do not include a cover letter that directly and individually addresses the required skills will NOT be considered.

Attachment should be limited to a total of 5 MB or less, as emails with large attachments may be blocked by the USDA email firewall.

This position is located in Washington DC. There are no funds budgeted for relocation expenses.

Direct all inquiries about position to: Terence Albrecht
Branch: USDA/FAS/OCBD/DRDA/RDNR

Email Address: Terence.Albrecht@fas.usda.gov
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NOTE A career status employee that is outside of FAS that accepts this position will be appointed to a Schedule B, Excepted Service time limited appointment. This appointment does not offer re-employment rights back to career status within FAS, as described in CFR, Chapter 352. The employee may seek re-employment rights from their losing agency prior to accepting this Schedule B appointment. Please note that agencies are not required to grant re-employment rights.

http://www.fas.usda.gov/about-fas/careers/international-development-positions