RETA 6289 – Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative in the Greater Mekong Subregion

Job Opportunity – Social Development Specialist, 24 person months, full time, Bangkok-based. Women are encouraged to apply.

The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Environment Operations Center (EOC) is currently looking for a SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST. The position requires at least a Master’s degree in social science or other related field and 15 years relevant work experience with half of this in the Asia Pacific region and particularly in the Greater Mekong Subregion. A detailed Terms of Reference is attached for your reference.

The EOC was established in 2006 to serve as Secretariat to the GMS Working Group on Environment and to facilitate the implementation of the regional technical assistance (RETA) Core Environment Program. The Program was designed to enhance the environmental sustainability and social equity of the GMS Economic Cooperation Program, thereby increasing its development potential, performance, and impact. The outcome of the RETA will be sound environmental management systems and institutions that mainstream environmental and biodiversity protection in the GMS.

The RETA has five components to be implemented in three phases (2006-2008), 2009-2011, and 2012-2015):

1. Strategic Environmental Assessments – To ensure that critical ecosystem services and environmental quality are maintained throughout the GMS economic corridors and that sector develop proceeds in an environmentally sustainable and socially equitable manner
2. Biodiversity Conservation Corridors – To restore and protect ecological integrity and reduce poverty within priority conservation landscapes
3. Environmental Performance Assessments – Apply national environmental performance indicators, develop regional indicators, and integrate environment objectives into national and subregional development planning
4. Regional Institutional Development – Build effective institutional arrangements and policy frameworks for transboundary environmental management and sustainable natural resource use
5. Sustainable Financing Mechanism – Define and implement sustainable financing strategies and market mechanisms to conserve natural resources

Application letter and CV must be received by e-mail or post on or before 22 September 2008. Send to:

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