

Civil Engineer – Construction

Short-Time Consultant – Remote support

Background

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) requires implementation support to establish and manage the Community Resilience Program (CRP). This program is based in Chiang Mai, Thailand to support activities that will sustain and strengthen community resilience in the region.

About the Role

CRP is seeking a Civil Engineer – Construction on a short-term consultancy basis to monitor construction activities implemented by CRP grantee partners in the field. Grantees will be implementing basic construction projects using engineering supervision of local workers who will be trained by the Grantee. This consultant will serve as the focal point for ensuring that all grantees implementing construction-related projects comply with USAID and Chemonics' standards. The role involves close coordination with both the CRP program team and its grantees, providing technical expertise during the grant development, implementation, monitoring, and reporting phases.

The ideal candidate is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer with extensive experience in construction, especially in conflict-affected areas. Experience working on donor-funded programs, particularly with USAID, is highly desirable. The Consultant will play a critical role in identifying and mitigating risks in construction activities while ensuring compliance with all relevant regulatory frameworks.

This position reports directly to the Operations Manager and will collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of projects, adherence to best practices, and compliance with regulations.

Key Responsibilities

- Collaborate with CRP partners to review construction designs, ensuring compliance with relevant standards and regulations.
- Analyze proposed Bills of Quantities (BoQ) to verify that they are reasonable, complete, and that sufficient funds are allocated for the proposed construction activities.
- Work closely with the CRP Grant Management Unit (GMU) to advise on measures and allocate funds for safety and security associated with the proposed construction.
- Conduct thorough assessments of partner capacity to implement activities, identify gaps, and propose solutions to support successful activity implementation.
- Remotely monitor the progress of construction activities and provide expert advice to grantees to ensure successful implementation.
- Review the CV and credentials of the Lead Engineer for the grantee.
- Provide technical guidance to grantee staff, including engineers and site supervisors, as needed.
- Monitor grantees' implementation and report on failures to adhere to the finalized design, safety

and security measures, and approved environmental mitigation plans.

- Provide regular updates to the GMU and senior management on the status of construction activities.
- Contribute to monthly reports by providing updates on construction activities across the grant portfolio.

Qualifications and Skills:

- Degree in civil engineering, construction management, engineering management, from an accredited program.
- Registered Professional Engineer (PE) or equivalent certification is required, with proven credentials in civil engineering and construction management.
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in overseeing construction projects, with exposure to infrastructure development in a conflict affected setting.
- Experience working in a consultancy capacity for donor-funded projects, with USAID project experience preferred.
- Proficiency in construction safety standards and the ability to advise on security measures related to construction in conflict-affected areas.
- Familiarity with the training of unskilled workers to participate in construction as appropriate to their skills.
- Familiarity with compliance frameworks, including USAID regulations and environmental impact standards, is an added advantage.
- Ability to work independently as a consultant, providing expert advice and ensuring adherence to construction best practices without daily supervision.
- Strong problem-solving and analytical skills to assess construction designs, analyze bills of quantity, and advise on the allocation of funds for safety and compliance.
- Flexibility and adaptability to support a fast-paced environment and evolving project requirements.
- Proficiency in engineering software and MS Office applications, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
- Fluency in English is required. Fluency in Burmese or another local language is desirable.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and CV to CRPRecruit@chemonics.com

Please indicate “Application: **“Civil Engineer – Construction”** in the subject of email and only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

Closing date – 18th October 2024 5.00 PM Thailand Time