BACKGROUND

The Transport Unit in East Asia and the Pacific region of the World Bank is seeking a Transport Specialist to support the transport team in the development and implementation of the transport program in the region. The selected candidate will be offered a 2-year term appointment in line with the Donor-Funded Staffing Program.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will be working closely with transport task teams and more broadly the INF group. The candidate will be based in Washington DC but the 2-year assignment will include at least a 6-month Short-Term Assignment in a Country Office in the EAP region. The assignment includes:

- Support the preparation of new and supervision of ongoing transport projects in EAP. This will include:
  - project preparation, i.e. project identification, design and appraisal by reviewing with clients the results of feasibility studies and technology choice studies, with a strong focus on integrating climate change actions and requirements into the project design; supporting the development of economic and financial analysis of project investments and programs; helping to assess implementation capacity of project implementation counterparts and supporting institutions/agencies; and assisting in the development of appropriate benchmarks/indicators and establishing project monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess progress and outcomes including the climate impacts of projects
  - project supervision, i.e. leading and/or participating in project implementation support missions to ensure implementation quality and timeliness and consistency with project monitoring and evaluation frameworks and project objectives; collecting and analyzing data, undertaking background research, reviewing reports and technical documents; facilitating project implementation including providing procurement and contract management support and advice to the project implementing agencies; leading and/or contributing to the Aide-Memoire and other key mission documents.
• Lead and/or co-lead (across Global Practices) research and analytical activities in the transport sector with a focus on climate resilience and decarbonizing transport

• Participate in the policy dialogue under the guidance of the Country management Unit, the Practice Manager and senior specialists with external stakeholders/development partners in the country

• Provide support to improve the quality of transport projects with regard to climate change through peer reviews, technical advice, and quality assurance

• Participate in cross-sectoral teams responsible for preparation of policy notes, Systematic Country Diagnostics and Country Partnership Frameworks, public expenditures reviews, sectoral studies, and research and policy development activities on climate change pertaining to the transport sector but also across related sectors such as energy, urban development, trade and competitiveness, and agriculture; and

• Other specific activities as deemed necessary.

Note:
The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving his/her own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The position calls for a highly motivated individual who is able to work seamlessly with teams and independently completes tasks assigned to her/him. The successful candidate shall have a Master’s degree in infrastructure planning/infrastructure economics/engineering, finance, urban planning or other related disciplines, with a minimum of five years of experience in infrastructure-related sectors, ideally transport, and also ideally focused on climate change (adaptation and mitigation). Experience working in developing countries would be a strong advantage.

Other specific skills include:
• Ability to work effectively with government officials, representatives of international agencies, and the private sector, as well as the ability to develop effective client relationships
• Knowledge of broad infrastructure sector issues including drivers and determinants of demand and supply from an economic perspective, and regulatory, financial and institutional considerations
• Strong organizational, research, and oral presentation skills
• Proven ability to work in a team and intercultural environment, with minimal supervision
• Hands-on and action-oriented approach
• Excellent oral and written communication skills in English. Knowledge of additional languages of Bank client countries would be advantageous to allow for cross-support opportunities in other regions.
• Strong ability to synthetize information for broad dissemination and to prepare presentations
• Enthusiasm for, and commitment to development work

WBG Competencies
• Lead and Innovate - Develops innovative solutions.
• Deliver Results for Clients - Proactively addresses clients’ stated and unstated needs.
• Collaborate Within Teams and Across Boundaries - Collaborates across boundaries, gives own perspective and willingly receives diverse perspectives.
• Create, Apply and Share Knowledge - Applies knowledge across WBG to strengthen solutions for internal and/or external clients.
• Make Smart Decisions - Interprets a wide range of information and pushes to move forward.