

ORGANIZATION	National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
FUNCTIONAL TITLE	Environmental Safeguards Specialist
PROJECT NAME	City Investments To Innovate, Integrate & Sustain (CITIIS)
DUTY STATION:	New Delhi, India
DURATION	One Year (Renewable)
TYPE OF CONTRACT	Individual Consultant Contract
NO. OF POSITIONS	ONE (01)

About the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

Established in 1976, the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), is a premier Institute of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for research and capacity building for urban sector in India. NIUA's broad objective is to bridge the gap between research and practice on issues related to urbanization. For more than 40 years now, NIUA has been the vanguard for contributing to and building the urban narrative for a fast-evolving Urban India.

The Institution has been actively working on bringing forth key areas of concern for urban India in order to build the urban discourse at various urban scales. It has utilized its competencies in research, knowledge management, policy advocacy and capacity building to address urban challenges and continuously striving to develop sustainable, inclusive, and productive urban ecosystems in the country. It has emerged as a thought leader and knowledge hub for urban development in India and is sought out by both Indian and International organizations for collaborations and partnerships in India's urban transforming journey. NIUA is committed towards aligning its efforts towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through all its initiatives and programs.

About CITIIS

CITIIS 1.0 is a joint program of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (Govt of India), Agence française de développement (AFD), European Union (EU) and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). The program is assisting 12 cities across India- selected through a challenge process to develop and implement innovative and sustainable urban infrastructure. These infrastructure projects with a total outlay of over Rs. 1200 Crores are under four thematic areas viz. Sustainable Mobility, Public Open Spaces, Urban eGovernance & ICT, Social & Organizational Innovation in Low-income settlements.

CITIIS 2.0, the second phase of the CITIIS program was approved by the Union Cabinet on May 31, 2023 with an outlay of Rs. 1866 Crores. CITIIS 2.0 will be financed through a EUR 200 million bilateral loan from AFD and KfW and a technical assistance grant of EUR 12 million from the European Union. The program envisages to support competitively selected projects promoting circular economy with focus on integrated waste management at the city level, climate-oriented reform actions at the State level, and institutional strengthening and knowledge dissemination at the National level.

Guidelines of the program can be accessed through:

https://citiis.niua.in/web/sites/default/files/2023-10/CITIIS%202.0-%20Operational%20Guidelines_.pdf

Responsibilities

The Environmental Safeguards Specialist will be required to assist both the PMU (NIUA) and the participating cities across the country. The responsibilities of the incumbent will include, but will not be limited to:

- Provide technical expertise on key issues related to Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (**ESIA**), on sustainability risks in the design, preparation and implementation considering best industry practices and standards (AFD E&S guidelines are aligned on the World Bank guidelines);
- Identify all key potential environmental and social impacts and risks of the urban infrastructure and waste sector projects being developed under the CITIIS program and ensure that their magnitude and significance are well understood by all stakeholders;
- Train and handhold the E&S Nodal Officers in the participating local governments (Smart City SPVs) in developing and delivering the Environment and Social Commitment Plan (**ESCP**), Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (**ESIA**), Environmental and Social Management Plan (**ESMP**) and Environmental, Health & Safety (**EHS**) measurement and monitoring, in close coordination with the Social Safeguards Specialist;
- Critical review/ validation of the Environmental safeguards documentation submitted along with the Detailed Project Report (DPR);
- Help develop step-by-step procedures for implementation of mitigation measures, supervising environmental consultants supporting the projects;
- Based on the assessments, work with E&S Nodal Officers in the participating cities to ensure plans are developed and steps taken to ensure that projects will comply with National regulations and with AFD's Policy / Guidelines on Environmental and Social Sustainability (**ESS**) and especially the World Bank E&S Standards and applicable EHS Guidelines;
- Ensure quarterly, bi-annual and annual reporting is timely done to the stakeholders;
- Work with colleagues and the management to foster strategic alliances and partnerships for sharing lessons and best practices as well as to develop opportunities for building capacities with local governments, internal staff and other specialists;
- Extensive travel to the participating cities for on-ground monitoring, reporting and capacity building;
- Develop toolkits, guidebooks and plans for Environmental Safeguards in the program;
- Report on and disseminate good practices and generated knowledge; and
- Liaison with relevant state and regulatory agencies.

Reporting:

The Environmental Safeguards Specialist shall work closely with the program team and report to the Program Director - CITIIS at NIUA, New Delhi.

Skills and Qualifications

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in Environmental sciences, Environmental planning, Ecology or other relevant fields;
- Minimum 10 years of relevant experience; with at-least 5 years of experience in elaborating, implementing and monitoring Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and developing Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) for urban infrastructure projects and waste sector projects, compliant with World Bank and/or Asian Development Bank standards;
- Deep understanding and extensive experience with World Bank E&S Standards and applicable EHS Guidelines;
- Excellent drafting, documentation and communication skills;
- Proven record on similar work at local, regional or national level;
- Strong analytical skills, ability to think strategically;
- Good in personal organization, planning and priority setting;
- Values the continuous improvement and learning;
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously,
- Oral and written proficiency in English and Hindi is required.

References: Please provide name and contact information of three references.

Remuneration: As par with the industry standards, depending on experience and skills and fitment with NIUA remuneration structures. Proof of past remuneration (last received salary/monthly contract payment) would be required.

Application process: Submit CV and cover letter through the NIUA portal.

Last Date of Application: 06 October 2024