Senior Energy Sector Advisor - Economic Department

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION

The Senior Energy Sector Advisor will formulate policy and identify resourcing needs within the energy sector (electricity, natural gas, oil and coal). He/she will assist relevant domestic authorities in developing laws and regulations aimed at establishing and reinforcing the institutions necessary for a quick and lasting transition to a market economy in the energy sector, and monitor progress regarding the same. In addition, the Senior Energy Advisor will work closely with donors and lead working groups addressing key reform issues. He/she will work under the direct supervision of the Deputy High Representative, Head of the Economic Department.

The scope of work for this position is as follows:

- 1. Monitoring and policy development
- 2. Donor relations
- 3. Writing and special support

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Policy Development

Assisting Ministries, other local authorities and donors

- in developing policies, laws and regulations to reinforce and establish the institutions needed to achieve quick and lasting transition to a market economy in the energy sector
- Monitoring progress, identifying obstacles, proposing new initiatives and recommending new strategies for accelerating the transformation of the BiH energy sector into a competitive, self-sustaining, and market-driven economic sector that attracts domestic and foreign investment

Donor Relations

- Actively seeking opportunities for international cooperation in the provision of technical and financial assistance to energy sector initiatives led by the OHR
- Preparing and/or reviewing donor proposals

Writing and Special Support

- Preparing policy recommendations, briefing notes, position papers and talking points for OHR Principals as needed
- 2. Organizing and writing background papers for meetings with governmental bodies
- 3. Drafting ad hoc reports on the status of reform in the energy sector for use by donor agencies and the media
- 1. Other duties as assigned, including dealing with energy supply issues such as oil imports, nuclear energy and exploration, and environmental concerns

 Creating and leading sectoral and sub-sector specific working groups addressing key reform issues such as regulatory authority, concessions, competition policy etc.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS / QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Post-graduate degree in economics, law, industrial engineering, business or public administration
- 1. Minimum of ten years of relevant professional experience in economic reform with a focus on transition countries; international experience is a distinct advantage
- 2. Strong background in the energy sector reform covering electricity, natural gas, oil and coal
- 3. Fluency in spoken and written English
- 4. Excellent communication and negotiation skills
- 5. Solid understanding of the economic, political, and social issues faced by East European economies in transition
- Computer competency in Microsoft Office and its applications

Any personnel with the above qualifications should provide a CV (in English) with a one-page cover letter and references

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Closing date for applications: Open until filled