

Consultancy Vacancy with UNISDR

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Title: Consultant - Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) Programmer

Duty station: Virtual

Duration: Two months

Deadline for applications: 13 June 2014

Assignment start date: 30 June 2014

United Nations Core Values:

Integrity • Professionalism • Respect for diversity

Background:

Created in December 1999, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) is the designated focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure synergies among the disaster reduction activities of the United Nations and regional organizations and activities in socio-economic and humanitarian fields. Led by the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR has around 100 staff located in its HQ in Geneva, Switzerland, and 5 regional offices and other field presences. Specifically, UNISDR coordinates international efforts in disaster risk reduction, and guides, monitors and reports on the progress of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action; campaigns to create global awareness of disaster risk reduction benefits and empower people to reduce their vulnerability to hazards; advocates for greater investments in disaster risk reduction to protect people's lives and assets, and for increased and informed participation of men and women in reducing disaster risk; and informs and connects people by providing practical services and tools such as Prevention Web, publications on good practices, and by leading the preparation of the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction and the organisation of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Organizational setting and reporting relationship:

The Consultant will work under the direct supervision and report to the UNISDR-Information Management Unit (IMU) Senior Information Management Officer, in collaboration with other IMU colleagues and the UNISDR Communications Unit.

Objectives and targets:

The Information Management Unit of the UNISDR Secretariat in Geneva has been tasked with the re-designing of PreventionWeb (<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/>), an online portal serving the information needs of the disaster risk reduction community. This will include a complete revamp of the current design, new social media features, personal profiles etc., all packaged in a new and responsive design.

The successful execution of this project requires the development of the new design templates that can scale to responsive, corresponding design guide, CSS and HTML, as well as support during the programming and testing phase.

Key Outputs

- 35 CSS/ HTML templates in Foundation framework
- Corresponding design guides
- Technical support during programming and testing

Competencies:

Professionalism: Proven experience in creating Cascading Style Sheets and standards compliant HTML for large scale websites, responsive design in Foundation framework.

Planning and Organizing: Demonstrated effective organizational skills and ability to handle work in an efficient and timely manner, working to tight deadlines.

Technological Awareness: Fully proficient computer skills, particularly in using relevant information databases, internet services, contact sources.

Qualifications:

Education: University degree in computer science or other related field or equivalent number of years of directly related experience.

Experience: A minimum of 5 years of working experience in development of HTML and CSS for large scale websites.

Language skills: Fluency in written and spoken English

How to apply

Please email the following documents to the ISDR secretariat at isdr.vacancies@un.org:

1. Cover letter, explaining why you consider yourself qualified and motivated for this particular assignment.
2. Completed personal history profile form (this form can be downloaded from the UNISDR website) <http://www.unisdr.org/who-we-are/vacancies>.
3. A complete portfolio of your recent work.
4. It would be appreciated your stating your full name and the ISDR vacancy notice number (ISDR/C/15/2014) as the subject in your e-mail of application.

Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Applicants will be contacted only if they are under serious consideration. The United Nations does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing, training or any other fees). The United Nations does not concern itself with information on bank accounts.