A CONTRACT POSITION EXISTS WITHIN THE PICC DEPARTMENT FOR A PICC SIP LEAD
AT OUR HEAD OFFICE IN SANDTON, REPORTING TO THE HEAD: PICC

(REF: PICC-2019-010)

The Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission (PICC) was formed in 2011 to provide for the facilitation and coordination of the National Infrastructure Plan which is of significant economic and social importance to the Country; to ensure that infrastructure development is given priority in planning, approval and implementation; to ensure that the development goals of the State are promoted through infrastructure development; to improve the management of such infrastructure during all life-cycle phases, including planning, approval, implementation and operations; and to provide for matters incidental thereto. The PICC conducts its work through Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP) Coordinators and SIP Leads within the PICC. The PICC based at the IDC is looking to appoint a SIP Lead, on a 3-year fixed term contract, reporting to the Head of the PICC.

The PICC is looking for an individual who has data analysis and project integration experience, who want to contribute directly to the greater good of improving the lives of ordinary citizens of the country and can work diligently under high demands, with pressure to deliver excellence in a small team (4 vacant positions).

JOB PURPOSE

• Support the unblocking of projects in the relevant SIPs, with specific focus on critical projects.
• Escalate issues requiring unblocking, and that cannot be dealt with by the SIP Coordinator, to the PICC Technical Unit.
• Unblocking of obstacles delaying projects in your SIPs.
• Monitor and ensure compliance of the SIP Coordination to the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014 (SIP Chairs, SIP Steering Committees, Stakeholder Engagements etc.) by taking proactive steps to assist
• Strengthen the relationship between the Technical Unit and other structures within the PICC.
• Monitor and report back on implementation of decisions from the various PICC working structures (Secretariat, Manco and Council), which is related to the SIP, and provide support to these working structures.
• On a quarterly basis, provide a complete and high quality Cabinet Level report of the SIPs (SIP Report).
• Support the oversight of the SIP by undertaking project site visits and investigations that should be reported to the PICC Secretariat.
• Participate in SIP activities and engagements. It is acknowledged that each SIP is different, but involvement is encouraged.
• Site Visits for investigations, verifications and reporting
• Support programmes that drive localisation, skills development, job creation, integrated spatial development and other development aspects related to the NIP

Key Roles & Responsibilities include:

• Collect data and information to assess the performance of progress made in delivering on the National Infrastructure Plan (NIP) and its developmental objectives.
• Monitor progress on the various Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs).
• Engage with stakeholders at all levels in government and the private sector on a wide variety of infrastructure projects to be implemented.
• Provide reports, analysis or assessments on a regular basis to relevant stakeholders as required through the PICC task team.
• Undertake regular site visits to investigate and report back on progress of projects, integration with other projects, job creation, condition of the assets, whether is asset is being effectively used, impact on communities, labour, asset owners, construction companies and visible impact of development objectives.
• Assess and report on the PICC’s impact on real socio-economic transformation.
• Unblock issues in relation to the rollout of infrastructure.
• Assess and improve the rigour and logic in the integrated infrastructure business plans to ensure that government’s development objectives are considering as well as integrating and improving urban and rural plans.
• Support the development of communication reports or dashboards on specific industries/sectors, government initiatives and projects.
• Assist in assessing and building project management, owners engineering and construction capacity and capability.
• Conduct in-depth analysis of specific industries/sectors including their performance, recent trends, risks and development potential.
• Support work done by other PICC Specialists.

Job Requirements *

**JOB COMPETENCIES**

• Ability to monitor and report on performance of infrastructure projects
• Ability to coordinate multiple projects
• Ability to assess the impact and performance of infrastructure projects
• Excellent interpersonal skills
• Ability to work under extreme pressure and deliver on tight timelines
• High level of resilience and assertiveness
• Strong analytical and quantitative skills
• Ability to understand, integrate and manipulate complex sets of facts, data and information
• Practical, lateral and creative thinking in seeking solutions
• Ability to writing short, factual, impactful reports or presentations of the highest standards (i.e. relevant, accurate & well researched)
• Ability to contribute and work with a team of professionals on an open, consultative partnership basis
• Ability to communicate at all levels and with a mandate as directed from time to time

**EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE**

• 5-10 years’ relevant experience, preferably within an infrastructure environment
• Knowledge of the National Infrastructure Plan/Infrastructure Development Act
• Experience working in a project management environment
• Experience monitoring and evaluating projects. Experience monitoring major infrastructure projects in implementation would be a distinct advantage
• Experience working in an environment that integrates projects across more than one sector or geographical area
• Knowledge and understanding of the demands of a political working environment - experience of having worked in such an environment would be an advantage
• Good understanding of investigation studies
• A keen interest in local economic development and community development
• A general understanding of the development challenges and development initiatives in South Africa
• A general understanding of operating in the spheres of government including state owned enterprises. Experience working within government or in an SOE would be an advantage
• An understanding of the economic and socio-economic environment in South Africa, including transformation and development issues

**QUALIFICATIONS**

• Matric
• Degree in Engineering, Economics, or any other Technical / Infrastructure related field
• A Project Management and / or Business qualification will be an added advantage

Employment Equity and Transformation imperatives will be considered in the appointment process

*Requirement: As our entity (IDC) Provides financing & funding, the need to ensure trust, honesty and integrity in all financial & non-financial activities must be above reproach*