The International Budget Partnership (www.internationalbudget.org) of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities collaborates with civil society organizations using budget analysis and advocacy to improve governance and reduce poverty in developing countries. The work of IBP and its partners focuses specifically on ensuring that government budget institutions, processes, and outcomes benefit poor and marginalized communities in the countries where it works. IBP’s major activities include providing training and technical assistance, conducting collaborative research projects, providing financial assistance, and coordinating network-building opportunities. The IBP has 29 staff based in the U.S. (Washington, D.C.), Mexico, South Africa, and India. The IBP is seeking a consultant to assist with its Open Budget Initiative (OBI) program.

The OBI is a global research and advocacy program that works with local partners to improve public access to government budget information and to expand accountable and inclusive budgeting practices in approximately 100 countries. The OBI is supporting budget transparency assessments at sub-national levels in more than half a dozen countries by making grants and providing technical assistance to develop the research and advocacy capacity of its partners.

The IBP is seeking a part-time consultant to help implement its subnational budget transparency plans. The consultant will be required to spend approximately 100 days between September 2011 and August 2013 on this project.

**Consultant for Subnational Budget Transparency Assessment Project**

**Responsibilities**

- Identify (as part of an IBP team) civil society organizations for research grants to undertake subnational budget transparency studies in 4-5 countries;
- Provide training and technical assistance to IBP partners that are undertaking budget transparency studies at the subnational level;
- Develop toolkits that can be used by civil society groups in countries around the world to undertake subnational budget transparency assessments;
- Author a research report analyzing the results from the subnational budget transparency assessments undertaken by IBP partners;

**Requirements**

- Minimum of five years experience of designing and managing qualitative and quantitative research projects.
- Practical experience working on public finance and access to information issues in developing countries, specifically at subnational levels of government.
- A Master’s degree in a relevant social science, or in public finance or accounting.
- Foreign language skills desirable, especially French and/or Spanish.
- Ability to travel and maintain flexible schedule as required.

**Compensation**: Commensurate with experience

**To apply**: Send a resume and cover letter via e-mail to ramkumar@cbpp.org. Please put “IBP Subnational Consultant” in the subject area. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

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