Radio Technician (IT), FS-5

The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) seeking Radio Technician (IT), FS-5, for a period of six (6) months in the above-mentioned areas.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Within delegated authority, the Radio Technician will be responsible for the following duties: Ensures the availability and operability of the mission’s radio networks. Ensures availability of equipment and radio services through the delivery of appropriate maintenance and repair services throughout the mission. Develops and implements plans for the installation of HF, VHF, UHF and Inmarsat equipment either fixed or mobile, and anticipates new requirements for these types of equipment in consultation with the Chief Communications Officer (CCO). Prepares plans for remote communications sites throughout the mission area. Assists the CCO in the preparation of plans and proposals for the development and enhancement of VHF/UHF/HF networks in the mission. Assigns, guides, supervises, monitors and evaluates the work of crews of Radio Technicians. Coordinates with the CITS warehouse on the receipt and inspection for any new equipment received and supervise programming, and testing all new equipment prior to deployment. Oversees and provides detailed work direction to junior telecommunications technicians, assistants, United Nations Volunteer (UNV) and contractual staff employed within the unit. Assists in the preparation of cost estimates for budget and planning purposes. Formulates and monitors budget allocations and expenditures regarding expenditures within the unit. Performs other duties as required.

COMPETENCIES:
Professionalism: Hands-on technical training and problem-solving skills, good knowledge of relevant telecommunications policies, structure and strategy as it relates to area of assignment; ability to assess telecommunications needs; commitment to implementing the goal of gender equality by ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women and men in all aspects of peace operations. Communications: Good communications skills, including the ability to convey technical concepts and recommendations to non-technical staff at all levels, both orally and in writing, in a clear and concise style. Technological Awareness: Strong technological background and experience in radio communications systems design, installation and maintenance. Teamwork: Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity. Good leadership skills and ability to form a team effort. Planning and Organising: Ability to perform with minimal supervision, and work under pressure of frequent and tight deadlines; ability to plan, guide and supervise the work of numerous team members.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Education: High school diploma or equivalent. Technical or vocational certificate. Supplemental courses and technical certification in electronic telecommunications, computer technology or other related field is very desirable. Practical training should include radio communications, voice and data communications. Valid Drivers licence is essential. Experience: At least 8 years of progressively responsible experience in telecommunications at the national or international level in the public or private sector. Familiarity with commercial telecommunications services; knowledge of and experience with the UN's telecommunications, voice and data communications systems is desirable. Experience in Trunking systems is highly desirable. Language: Fluency in spoken and written English; knowledge of a second UN language is an advantage and sometimes a requirement. Fluency in the local language may be essential.

Candidates with relevant experience and qualifications who wish to be considered for this temporary assignment may indicate their interest by email to UNMIS-TVA@un.org by close of business on Wednesday, 22 September 2010, citing the above TVA number in the subject line and enclosing their up-to-date Personal History Profile (PHP), available from http://jobs.un.org, as well as a copy of their two most recent performance evaluation reports. While this temporary assignment will provide the successful applicant with an ideal opportunity to gain additional work experience, the selection for this position is for a limited period and has no bearing on the future incumbency of the post. Military personnel (TCC) and police personnel (PCC) on secondment cannot apply for this position during their tour of assignment nor can UN Volunteers in UNMIS and UNAMID who are currently serving or have served in the previous 6 months. Due to the volume of applications only those candidates under serious consideration will be acknowledged.