

## **Iraqi Engineer Enhancement Program**

The Iraqi Engineer Enhancement Program (IEEP) is a public-private partnership focused on increasing Iraqi professional and technical capacity while promoting infrastructure and workforce development. Engineers from ministries, university faculty, and small businesses are eligible to participate in 3-6 month fellowships in both the public and private sectors. Fellows have the opportunity to learn project and program management skills, understand western business culture, and gain modern technical and professional skills.

U.S. engineering firms with interest in operating in Iraq would have the opportunity to work with selected Iraqi engineers. By working in the U.S., the Iraqi engineers will also be immersed in the corporate culture of the firm. At the end of the program, the participating firms will have an experienced engineer to work on reconstruction projects at a level of competence exceeding the local labor pool, increasing the company's competitive advantage for securing future contracts from Iraqi ministries. It will also provide relationships for future business partnerships with Iraqi firms. The company will also be making a philanthropic contribution to the reconstruction of Iraq.

The Civilian Research & Development Foundation (CRDF) will facilitate visas, transportation, and an orientation program in Washington. CRDF, a non-profit organization, provides programmatic and logistical support to the IEEP program in support of the CRDF vision to promote peace and prosperity through international science collaboration. The IEEP program supports CRDF's mission to: Provide cooperative research and development (R&D) opportunities that enable engineers to address critical security, economic, education and other societal needs; Advance peace and prosperity by funding civilian research and development projects that contribute to global nonproliferation objectives; Promote the application of science and technology to economic growth through international partnerships and professional development; and Strengthen university research and education in science and engineering.

If you desire to know more about this program or to actively participate by hosting an Iraqi engineer, please contact the individuals listed below:

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