



GEOSS 2006 Work Plan Team

DESCRIPTION The Team will consist of 4 senior experts (including a team leader to serve as Work Plan Manager) supported by a larger group of external consultants (TBD). The Team will operate on a full-time basis over a period of 9 months from 1 April 2005 until 31 December 2005, with co-location in Geneva beginning 1 May 2005.

The Team, through the Work Plan Manager, will report to the GEO Secretariat Director.

LOCATION GEO Secretariat Office hosted by the WMO in Geneva (Switzerland).

DUTIES The team will be charged with the preparation of the GEOSS 2006 Work Plan and accompanying budget proposal for submission to GEO-II in December 2005.

The Work Plan will contain a comprehensive description of the activities and tasks required to launch the first stages of realization of the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan approved at the Third Earth Observation Summit held in Brussels on 16 February 2005. The Work Plan will clearly distinguish activities that are under the prime responsibility of GEOSS and those which are either a joint undertaking with partner organizations or those where GEOSS only has an indirect role.

Based on the 2-, 6- and 10-Year Targets of the GEOSS Implementation Plan Reference Document, the definition of the Work Plan activities will have to be sufficiently detailed to allow quantification of the effort and resources required (staffing, funding, etc.). The Work Plan will have to provide a comprehensive description of the Work Package Breakdown structure including schedule Gantt chart, responsibilities and deliverables.

The Plan will also include all activities related user involvement and the setting up of any required advisory mechanisms.

In the execution of the tasks the team will have to work in close coordination with GEO Members and Participating Organizations.

QUALIFICATIONS Applicants must have a University degree or equivalent qualification in an engineering or scientific discipline. The Team will be composed of senior experts, preferably already familiar with GEO/GEOSS activities, and with complementary expertise in domains such as Earth observing systems, programs and applications, system engineering and management, information technology,

communication networks and system inter-operability. A good knowledge of English is essential, and knowledge of another UN language is an asset.