



Career Opportunity

Senior Economist (ref: SRE)

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of the Kingdom of Bahrain is seeking a Senior Economist to join its Market and Competition Directorate. This is a unique exciting role and should be particularly attractive to those wishing to work in an international environment and join the leading telecommunications regulator in the Middle East. The work TRA does is high profile and have a visible and tangible impact on consumers and the economy.

The Role

- Performing economic and regulatory analysis and provide economic advice on a wide range of regulatory and competition issues pertaining to the telecommunications sector.
- Identifying and applying the relevant economic framework to address regulatory and competition issues.

Responsibilities

- Conduct market reviews and competition assessments.
- Assist in the definition of regulatory policy, guidelines and frameworks.
- Contribute to the design and implementation of behavioral regulation.
- Conduct economic analysis, e.g. margin squeeze, bundling, retail tariffs, and cost of capital.
- Perform cost analysis and modeling, including reviewing and developing regulatory cost accounting frameworks and supporting the development of cost models.
- Review reference offers with a view to set appropriate charges and price controls.
- Assist in enforcement activities (e.g. competition cases) and in solving inter-operators and consumer complaints.
- Support market data collection and analysis efforts and undertake benchmarking analysis.
- Prepare regulatory decisions and instruments (e.g. determinations, orders, guidelines), review and analyze submissions to public consultations.
- Monitor and benchmark regulatory practices and developments; review relevant academic and professional literature.

Qualification and experience

- Advanced degree in Economics, preferably in Industrial Economics, Competition or Regulatory economics
- Minimum 7 years as a professional economist working in an economic consulting firm, an operator, a regulator or competition authority in the areas identified above with a proven track record of delivery of complex projects and strategic thinking
- Experience in the drafting of regulatory decisions would be an advantage.
- Experience in spreadsheet-based modeling, basic accounting and corporate finance would be an advantage.

Skills

- Excellent practical understanding of microeconomics.
- Excellent written and oral communications skills, including when interacting with the industry and other stakeholders.
- Strong analytical and quantitative skills with a focus on defining pragmatic solutions.
- Strong project management skills including strong drive and the ability to manage external consultants.
- Strong personal management skills, including the ability to multi-task, prioritize and deliver a demanding workload and to work as part of diverse team.
- Must be resourceful, self-starter, independent and able to transfer knowledge, mentor and coach staff.

Application for this position closes on **18 June 2010**. Please apply in confidence via email to: **Human Resources**, quoting the reference: **SRE**, email: **career@tra.org.bh**. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted. For more information on TRA, please visit: **www.tra.org.bh**