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The Constitution Project (TCP) seeks a staff director to work with its newly-created, bipartisan Task Force on Detainee Treatment.

The goal of the Task Force is to bring to the American people a comprehensive understanding of what is known and what may still be unknown about the past and current treatment of detainees by the U.S. government, as part of the counterterrorism policies of the Obama, Bush and Clinton administrations. The Task Force will help policymakers and the public confront alleged past abuses-including torture and cruel treatment-by following the facts. The Task Force will review available information, determine where the holes are and then pass the baton to the administration, Congress and ultimately-to the American people-who will determine what steps should be taken next.

The members of the Task Force represent a full spectrum of political views and a wide range of professional backgrounds-legal, public policy, intelligence, military, law enforcement, religious, academic, public service, and medical.

The staff director, working under the direction of TCP's president and with the support of its staff, will guide the Task Force in its investigation and in the development of its report and recommendations. To assist in this work, the staff director will help hire and manage a team that will include investigators, legal counsel, and others as appropriate. This is a full-time, temporary position with an expected duration of 12-18 months.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Extensive experience with oversight and investigations, policymaking, and policy analysis
- Knowledge of international, human rights, constitutional, and national security laws and policies
- Outstanding research and writing skills
- A proven ability to manage a team
- The ability to manage competing demands and thrive in a challenging, fast-paced environment.
- A commitment to consensus-building and to working in a bipartisan environment

Timeframe: The Task Force will begin the research and investigation phases of its work as soon as the staff director and support team are hired. A final report will be released in 12-18 months.

About The Constitution Project: Established in 1997 and based in Washington, DC, The Constitution Project (TCP) is known for its ability to bring together unlikely allies-experts and practitioners from across the political spectrum-in order to promote and safeguard America's founding charter. TCP is working to reform the nation's broken criminal justice system and to strengthen the rule of law by undertaking scholarship, advocacy, policy reform, and public education initiatives. TCP was born out of the belief that we must cast aside the labels that divide us, in order to keep our Constitution and our democracy strong.

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Please submit a resume, references, and a writing sample to the attention of Scott Messinger via email at smessinger@constitutionproject.org (including "Task Force Staff Director Application" in the subject line) or via mail at 1200 18th Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. No phone calls please.