



ECOWAS REGIONAL ELECTRICITY ACCESS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT (BEST – P167569)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

RECRUITMENT OF A JUNIOR ECONOMIC EXPERT NG-ECOWAS-DEM-268188 -CS-INDV

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1. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has received a grant from the World Bank toward the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Access and Battery Energy Storage Technology Project (BEST). Within the framework of the Sub-Component 4.1 of the BEST Project, the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) plans to recruit an individual Consultant as **Junior Economic expert (JEE)** for a contract of 4 years, and ECOWAS intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Selection of said consultant.
2. The project aims to increase people's access to electricity and improve their living conditions. It is designed to meet the short and medium-term needs of Member States in terms of access to electricity, as well as on electric network interconnection projects financed by the World Bank within the framework of the ECOWAS Master Plan for the Development of Regional Generation Resources and Electricity Transmission implemented by the WAPP (West Africa Power Pool). In addition, the proposed project intends to build the regional institution ERERA.
3. The consultant's services ("the services") include the following, as indicated below and the duration of the contract will be four (04) years. An initial probationary period of 1 year will be awarded and extended based on performance.
4. The overall responsibility of the Junior Economic Expert of the project will focus on:
 - Formulate, propose, review and apply the regional tariff methodology and pricing model for the regional electricity market (REM).

- Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework for the development of the REM.
- Support the Senior Economist in the definition of the regional energy policy, harmonization of national policies on Electricity Regulation and the development of the REM.
- Technical, economic and financial data collection and analysis to ensure accuracy and consistency and to develop and maintain up-to-date statistical data bases covering ERERA activities.
- Supervise and ensure effective dissemination of statistics and offer guidance on their analysis and interpretation.
- Follow-up and analysis of the financial standing of operators, valuation and follow-up of the assets and the separation of accounting for the activities of operators.
- Participate in Benchmarking and economic forecasting.
- Participate in Benchmarking of economic and financial performances of the operators at the regional level with periodic update.
- Proposals for Improvement of the regulatory tools in the Member States (support for the development of economic regulatory models and methodology, and support in mediations activities).
- Assists, among others in:
 - Review and analysis of ECOWAS Member States Power sector regulation.
 - Development of economic and financial standards for the regional electricity market.
 - Negotiations of cooperation agreements with authorities in charge of competition.
 - Review of the ECOWAS energy Master Plan.
 - Harmonisation of standards in the regional electricity market.
 - Any other duty as may be assigned by the Senior Economist.

5. Details of all the Terms of Reference is available at this link for interested consultants:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2t0nod8dn9kcdttceesm/BEST_ERERA_Junior_Economic_Expert_ToR_VF.docx?dl=0&rlkey=e8ry2e24xzv69asrtm6x3deuw

6. ERERA now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services regarding the following criteria:

✓ **Qualification and skills**

- A minimum of a master’s degree or equivalent in Economics, Finance, or any related field.
- Possession of a higher degree would reduce the required minimum professional experience to three (3) years with a minimum of two (2) years in energy sector and in economic regulation of utilities.

- Ability to work, establish and maintain effective relationships with development partners, international agency and professional economic and regional integration associations.
- Ability to negotiate with development partners and other stakeholders.
- Excellent communication skills, and ability to use basic computer software (MS Word, MS Excel, MS Outlook, PowerPoint, or other software for data processing) and the Internet.
- Excellent organizational skills with the ability to work in teams in a multicultural environment and under pressure.
- Excellent communication skills (spoken, written and presentational).

✓ **Experience**

- Five (05) years professional experience with a minimum of three (3) years in energy sector and two (2) years in economic regulation or in monitoring and evaluation of projects.
- Experience with electricity regulatory agency will be an added advantage.
- Experience in monitoring and evaluating energy services and performance in a regulatory agency will be an added advantage.
- Experience in Regional or International organizations would be an advantage.

✓ **Language requirement**

- Excellent reading, speaking, and writing proficiency in at least one of the official languages of the ECOWAS Commission i.e., English, French or Portuguese. A good working knowledge of a second language of the ECOWAS Commission will be an added advantage.

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7. A Candidate will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Fourth Edition November 2020).
8. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
9. Further information can be obtained only by mail at the following email address: : recruitment@erera.arrec.org; with copy to ecowas-reap@ecowas.int. This address is only for request of further information. The submission of application shall be made through the email address provided for the REOI in the following paragraph.
10. Expressions of interest for **Junior Economic expert (JEE)** must be delivered latest by **March 15, 2023 at 10.00 p.m. GMT** at jee2022@erera.arrec.org. Any other delivery will not be considered.