



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 EXPERTS FOR ERERA

NG-ECOWAS-DEM-407684-CS-INDV and NG-ECOWAS-DEM-411968-CS-INDV

Closing Date: 30th April 2024 at 5:00 pm GMT

Contract: Lump sum

Position: Two (02), Junior Economists Experts

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1. Background and Scope

- a. Despite the enormous energy potential that abounds in the ECOWAS region, access to electricity is one of the main challenges the region is facing. Thus, within the framework of various regional policies and programs concerning the energy sector, the ECOWAS Commission and the World Bank initiated the Regional Electricity Access and BEST Project (BEST).
- b. ECOWAS Commission has received financing from the World Bank (IDA Grant D827-3W), towards the implementation of the Regional Electricity Access and Battery Energy Storage Technology (BEST-P167569) and intends to use part of the fund under the subcomponent 4.1 of the BEST Project, Technical assistance to the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) to select **Two Junior Economists Experts** for ERERA based at Accra in Ghana.
- c. For this purpose, the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) in consultation with the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) of the BEST project at ECOWAS Directorate of Energy and Mines plans to recruit **Two Individuals Consultants as Junior Economic Expert (JEE)** to work with ERERA.

2. SCOPE OF WORKS

The assignment of **Junior Economic Expert (JEE)** is to provide support to ERERA in the management of economic and tariffs matters related to the regional electricity market (REM). He/She will be under the

supervision of the Senior Economic Expert of the Economic Unit of ERERA and report directly to him. He/She will also need to work in collaboration with a team of experts and external consultants in providing advisory services and briefing notes based on economic policy analysis in areas of relevance for the ECOWAS economies, and any other tasks ERERA might need assistance with.

3. ROLE AND RESPONSABILITIES

Key duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Formulate, propose, review and apply the regional tariff methodology and pricing model for the regional electricity market.
- Planning and support to the Senior Economist in the definition of the regional energy policy and harmonization of national policies on Electricity Regulation.
- Technical, economic and financial data collection and analysis to ensure accuracy and consistency and to develop and maintain up-to-date statistical databases 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).
- Assist in negotiations of cooperation agreements with authorities in charge of competition.
- Any other duty as may be assigned by the Senior Economist.

4. Qualifications, skills and experience

✓ Qualification and skills

- A minimum of a masters' degree or equivalent in Economics, Finance, or a related field. Possession of a higher degree, as well as a degree related to the energy sector (e.g., Energy Economics degree) will be advantageous.
- Ability to work, establish and maintain effective relationships with development partners, international agencies 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.
- High level of excitement, ability to work independently, taking initiative, and flexibility in quickly adjusting to changing work program requirements.

- Excellent oral and written communication skills (spoken, written and presentational), including an ability to communicate complex issues in simple terms and to engage in evidence-based dialogue.

✓ **Experience**

- At least three (03) years of professional experience in economics and/or finance.
- At least one (01) year of professional experience in the energy sector in at least one of relevant thematic lines such as energy economics, energy finance, renewable energy and regional integration.
- Experience of working with an electricity regulatory agency will be an added advantage.
Experience in working with a Regional or International organization(s) would be an advantage

5. APPLICATION'S REQUIREMENTS

- Application from qualified and experienced citizens of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States. Nationality and age should be clearly indicated in the submission
- Submit both CV and cover letter in editable format as a single attachment (image format should be avoided).
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the next step.
- Woman candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- The applicant should not be older than 32 years at the time of applying for this position.

NB: Nationality and age should be clearly indicated in the submission (CV).

6. 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.

7. Duty Station

The Duty station is Accra, Ghana. The JEE must be available to start work after signing of the employment contract. The applicant will start the assignment by June 2024.

8. Submission of Application

- a. The application document should be composed of: **Update CV, cover letter and supporting documents all scanned in one single pdf attached file.**
- b. Further information can be obtained only by email at the following address: recruitment@erera.arrec.org; with copy to ecowas-reap@ecowas.int. These addresses are only for request of further information. The submission of application shall be made only through the email address provided for the REOI in the following paragraph "8.c".
- c. Expressions of interest must be delivered latest by **30th April 2024 at 5:00 pm GMT** at to the address: jee2024@erera.arrec.org. Any other delivery will not be considered.