

## **RECRUITMENT OF A SENIOR ACCOUNT OFFICER**

### **For WAPP-NORTH CORE PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT**

The objective of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) is to establish a regional electricity market in West Africa through the appropriate development and implementation of key infrastructure so that all ECOWAS member states are given access to economic energy resources.

Within the framework of WAPP, the Governments of Nigeria, Niger, Benin, Togo and, Burkina are collaborating to develop in accordance with the ECOWAS Revised Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy, and more specifically the related Intergovernmental Protocol among the concerned countries, a sub-regional interconnection project referred to as the 330 kV WAPP North Core Project.

This project comprises approximately 875 km of 330 kV transmission network from Birnin Kebbi in Nigeria to Ouagadougou in Burkina through Zabori and Niamey in Niger with a tee-off at Zabori Substation to the Malanville Substation in Benin as well as associated substations. The ownership and operational responsibility of the infrastructure post-commissioning shall remain with the respective countries.

Due to the regional dimension of the project as well as enhance coordination, the countries involved in the project have agreed to an institutional framework consisting of the establishment of a single entity to implement the project. The Headquarters of the Project Management Unit (PMU) shall be in Abuja, Nigeria, supported by local project units in each country. The project is funded by World Bank (WB), African Development Bank (AfDB) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the functioning of the PMU will be financed by WB and AfDB.

Following the recruitment of the Project Director (PMU Director) and the Project Key Staff (ongoing), the WAPP Secretariat intends to recruit a Senior Account Officer who shall be responsible of all accounting functions for the project in accordance to the best practices and in compliance with the WAPP and Donors guidelines. He / She is specifically responsible for the elaboration of periodic financial statements for each Donor according to its requirements and consolidated financial statement for the whole project

**Minimum Qualifications:** Interested candidates for the position of Senior Account Officer shall have:

1. A Master's degree in Accounting, Finance, Economics and, other related fields
2. Qualification as a professional accountant (CA, ACCA, CIMA, DSCG, DESCOGEF or Equivalent qualification.)
3. Membership of an accounting body will be an added advantage
4. A minimum of eight years post qualification experience in the accounting field with practice in preparing financial statements and familiarity with external auditors.
5. A working experience in a project funded by International Financing Institutions (World Bank, AfDB or AFD) would be an advantage.
6. Oral & Editorial proficiency in English or French with a good working knowledge of the other language

**Appointment Contract:** The position is funded within the framework of WAPP North Core Project, for a period of one-year renewable, with a maximum of 4 years corresponding to the end of the project. The incumbent will, therefore, be issued a Fix-Term Appointment Contract of an initial period of one year. The renewal will be subjected to a successful performance of the incumbent.

**Job Relationships:** The Senior Account Officer reports to the Senior Financial Specialist under the overall supervision of the Project Director.

**Job Location:** The Senior Account Officer will be resident at the head office in Abuja (Nigeria) and may be required to undertake frequent field visits. The work may occasionally require weekends and/or late nights work.

**Equal Opportunities:** Men and women have equal chances. Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

### **Applications:**

Interested applicants who meet the minimum qualifications for this position must apply online at <http://www.ecowapp.org/careers>, by following the application instructions.

- All Applications must be submitted online. Paper applications will not be accepted.
- Applications sent after the required submission deadline will not be considered.
- Applications can be submitted in English or French.
- Due to a large number of applications expected, only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted for the next stage of the recruitment process.
- Next stages may include online tests or any other specific assignments

Applications for the position shall be received from **25th January to 28th February included**. The Closing date for this position is 28th February 2019 at 06:00 pm, Benin local time (GMT+1).