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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Selection of an Aviation Security Expert (Consultant) to support the implementation of the new Regional AVSEC Regulation of ECOWAS

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) places high importance on Aviation Security (AVSEC) as a vital aspect of safe and secure air transport in the region. In alignment with ECOWAS Regulation C/REG.13/12/2024, which establishes common rules for aviation security across Member States (**AVSEC**), the ECOWAS Commission seeks to operationalise a Regional AVSEC Pool to assist Member States in achieving compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (**ICAO**) Standards and Recommended Practices (**SARPs**).

To support this initiative, the ECOWAS Commission intends to engage **an Aviation Security Expert (Consultant)** to support the Directorate of Transport in implementing the above regulations and related aviation security matters.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical assistance to the Commission in the implementation of ECOWAS AVSEC regulations. The service will also include capacity building, oversight support and coordination, support in the harmonisation of national AVSEC regulations, and monitoring compliance among Member States.

3. Scope of Services

The consultant will be responsible for a wide range of duties, including:

- Technical support in implementing the ECOWAS AVSEC Regulation.
- Coordinate the alignment of National Regulations with the new Regional AVSEC Regulation.
- Monitoring and evaluation of AVSEC activities.
- Preparation of missions and coordination with national and regional stakeholders.
- Development of technical tools and training programs.
- Advisory services on legislation, infrastructure, and regulatory compliance.
- Support for regional institutions such as BAGASOO, BAGAIA, and contributions to establishing a Regional Safety Oversight Organisation (E-RSOO)

3. Qualifications and Experience

The ideal candidate must:

- Hold a BSc. Degree/(Bac+3) in Air Transport, Engineering, Aviation Security and Safety, or any other related discipline.
- Duly certified in all ICAO training modules in Aviation Security Training Packages (Basic course, Cargo and Mail Security course, Crisis Management course, Security Management course, National AVSEC Inspectors course, etc.);
- have at least five (5) years' recent professional experience in a competent authority as an AVSEC inspector or in the aviation industry, (airports, aircraft operator, air traffic and other related service providers)

- have a working knowledge of the Chicago Convention and in-depth knowledge of ICAO documents related to AVSEC such as the latest editions covering Annex 17 - Security; Annex 9 - Facilitation; Aviation Security Manual (Doc 8973 - Restricted Circulation); Aviation Security Oversight Manual - Establishment and Management of a National Aviation Security Oversight System (Doc 10047) and Facilitation Manual (Doc. 9957).
- Demonstrate familiarity with international texts on air transport, particularly, ICAO SARPs, and AU aviation programs.
- Possess experience working in ECOWAS Region
- Be a national of an ECOWAS Member States.
- Be fluent in one of ECOWAS' official languages (English, French, or Portuguese) and have working knowledge of a second.

4. Duration of Assignment

The assignment will last for **twelve (12) months**, renewable based on satisfactory performance and budget availability.

5. Submission of Expression of Interest

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit Expression **of Interest** which should include:

- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.
- Copies of relevant academic certificates.
- Proof of experience, with copies of relevant professional certificates
- Contact information of two referees

The ECOWAS Commission would like to draw the attention of interested consultants to Article 117 of the revised ECOWAS Procurement Code on "Fraud and Corruption", which provides information on fraudulent or corrupt practices in competition or contract execution. Furthermore, candidates are invited to take cognisance of the specific information on conflict of interest related to this consultancy service, under Article 118 of the revised ECOWAS Procurement Code.

6. Selection Method

The selection of the Consultant will be made following the criteria for the Selection of Individual Consultants set out in the Guidelines for Consultants. Interested Consultants may obtain more information by contacting the Procurement Division at the email below during working hours, i.e., Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (GMT +1). Email: **ikkamara@ecowas.int and copy: cappiah@ecowas.int ; ytraore@ecowas.int; ombacke@ecowas.int.**

Expressions of interest **must be sent by email with subject "Expression of Interest – Selection of Aviation Security Expert (Consultant)", no later than 11 September 2025 at 12:00 a.m. (Nigerian time)** to the following email addresses**: ikkamara@ecowas.int and copy: cappiah@ecowas.int ; ytraore@ecowas.int; ombacke@ecowas.int.**

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