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NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title: Recruitment of a consultancy/firm to carry out an institutional study for a structural reform of the ECOWAS Water Resources Management Center (WRMC).

Funding: ECOWAS

Reference: PP-CS-2025-163

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), represented by Water Resources Management Center, plans to fund an **institutional study for a structural reform of Water Resources Management Center (WRMC)** from its 2025 budget.

The WRMC is the Water Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission, currently under the authority of the Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitization of the ECOWAS Commission. It is also the executive body of the Permanent Coordination and Monitoring Framework for Integrated Water Resources Management in West Africa (CPCS-GIRE-A0).

In April 2023, a performance audit was carried out and recommended the structural reform of the WRMC, which began operations on March 12, 2004 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

The planned study aims to turn the WRMC into a high-level ECOWAS specialized agency for water issues, playing its leadership role in the regional Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) process in West Africa, fully and more effectively. This study will take place over an estimated period of thirty (30) man-days, spread over eight (8) calendar months from the date of contract signature. It will be carried out under the aegis of a Steering Committee comprising representatives of the ECOWAS Commission, the WRMC and the Permanent Coordination and Monitoring Framework for IWRM in West Africa (CPCS-AO).

The Water Resources Management Center (WRMC) invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in carrying out this study.

Interested firms must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the expected Services. Consultants' qualifications and relevant experience must be supported by documents such as copies of contracts, certificates of good performance or any other documents deemed relevant. The absence of supporting documents is eliminatory.

The pre-selection criteria are as follows:

a) be a consultancy firm that has been working in the field of institutional audit and structural reform in West Africa for at least ten (10) years;
b) provide evidence of having carried out at least three (03) assignments relating to IWRM and institutional reform issues in West Africa;

c) demonstrate the ability to provide key personnel with the following skills:

- a good knowledge of the regional process of integrated water resources management in West Africa and experience of working with the institutional actors of the said process (States, Transboundary Basin Organizations, local authorities, civil society organizations, private sector, technical and financial partners);
- a good knowledge of the legal and institutional environment of West African regional organizations and of institutional auditing;
- an excellent ability to communicate in French and/or English and/or Portuguese, and a good knowledge of one of the other two languages.

Key experts will not be evaluated at the pre-selection stage.

Eligibility criteria, short-listing and the selection procedure will be in accordance with the ECOWAS Rules and Procedures for the Use of Qualification-Based Selection of Consultants (ECOWAS Procurement Code, revised version 2021), available on its website: http://www.ecowas.int and https://wrmc-cgre.com

The minimum qualification score is 70 points out of 100.

Interested consultants are invited to submit their expression of interest file including:

- A letter of expression of interest;
- A copy of the trade register;
- A certificate of non-bankruptcy;
- Evidence of years of practice and experience;
- An indicative list of the profile of key experts to be mobilized; specifying the profiles and experience of similar projects carried out.

Expressions of interest should be submitted electronically and clearly marked "**PP-CS-2025-163**" in the subject line.

Interested consultants may obtain further information on request from the following address: **wrmc_cgre@ecowas.int** with a copy to: gbalex2000@yahoo.fr; mdtoure@yahoo.fr; sbangoura@ecowas.int; ikkamara@ecowas.int; ombacke@ecowas.int; Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. GMT.

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the following address**: wrmc_cgre@ecowas.int** copy to: gbalex2000@yahoo.fr; mdtoure@yahoo.fr; sbangoura@ecowas.int; ikkamara@ecowas.int; ombacke@ecowas.int; no later than **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 16:00 (GMT).**

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