

### NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REGULATORY ADVISORY CONSULTANTS (RACs) TO SUPPORT THE NIGERIAN ELECTRICTY REGULATORY COMMISSION (NERC)

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION:

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) was established by the Electric Power Sector Reform (EPSR) Act, 2005 with the mandate to amongst other things, create, promote and preserve efficient electricity industry and market structures, as well as ensure that regulation is fair and balanced for licensees, consumers, investors and other stakeholders.

The achievement of the power sector reform has brought about some challenges to which NERC must promptly and professionally respond. Thus NERC is seeking support from experts who have garnered experience from power sectors around the globe.

By so doing NERC will remain current and be in a position to effectively develop measures that will enhance the confidence of investors and harness the support of consumers in moving the electricity industry in Nigeria to the desired destination; most especially moving the sector from Pre-Transition (Pre-TEM) to Transitional Stages (TEM) and going forward to a Competitive Electricity Market (CEM).

Pursuant to the provisions of the EPSR Act 2005, the Commission has developed and approved various Regulatory Instruments to ensure an orderly, efficient and safe development and operations of the Nigerian Electricity Market (NEM). In light of the above, the Commission is desirous of engaging the services of highly experienced *Regulatory Advisory Consultants* (RACs), in various professional fields and experiences, to support or advise the Commission in areas such as electricity market funding, industry revenue, tariffs, bulk power procurement; commercial frameworks and contracts for generation fuels, electricity trading and electricity market monitoring, etc. The RAC shall support or advise the Commission on industry agreements such as Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Gas Transportation Agreement (GTA), Gas Supply and Purchase Agreement (GSPA), Connection Agreements, Vesting Contracts etc.; the appointed RAC shall also provide engineering support covering the following areas: monitoring of reliability, safety, quality of supply and load shedding/outage programs; inspections, certifications; benchmarking of industry performance and corporate strategic plan, demand forecasting, networks reinforcement and expansion plans, fuel

diversification and security. Others include customer services, enforcement, corporate communications and image branding etc.

Regulatory Advisory Consultants (RACs) who are interested in this project are advised to apply for the relevant area of support /advice highlighted above. The support is expected to be rendered in-house in the Commission or from the Consultants place of domicile depending on the nature the service required.

#### 2.0 **OBJECTIVE:**

The overarching objective is to appoint Regulatory Advisory Consultants (RACs) to support the Commission in executing its mandates as provided by the EPSR ACT, 2005.

#### 5.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- 1. RACs must have sufficient cognate work experience in the power industry in Nigeria or any other part of the world;
- 2. RACs shall be required to provide evidence of minimum of 10 years cognate experience in electricity sector regulation dealing with market, commercial, technical, customer and corporate issues in Nigeria, and/or any other similar electricity market.
- 3. RACs shall submit Curriculum Vitae (CV) with detailed and verifiable statement of experience and qualifications;
- 4. RACs shall provide all relevant information concerning location, contact persons, telephone numbers and email addresses etc.

Interested Applicants living outside the country are encouraged to apply.

**Note:** RACs will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act 2007, and the Procurement Procedure Manual published by the Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP) in January 2011. It is required that RACs are expected to express their interest in the specific area of competency and experience.

## **6.0** SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS:

Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted in three (3) hard copies with one original on or before **2:00pm on November 20, 2014** with the inscription on the Top left side of the envelopes: *'Expression of Interest for the appointment of Regulatory Advisory Consultant (RAC)'* and must be dropped into the tenders box located in the Commission's Secretariat at room 203 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

SIGNED MANAGEMENT