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ACEN SETS UP TASK FORCE ON PREVENTION OF BUILDING COLLAPSE

As part of its on-going commitment to the arrest of collapse of buildings in Nigeria, ACEN has set up a task force to critically examine the causes of these collapses and proffer long lasting solutions to the problem. This is a follow-up to other efforts, including continuous training of staff of member firms, and the recent multi-disciplinary seminar on building collapse held in July, 2009. ACEN believes that engineers must be in the forefront of the fight against incessant collapse of buildings in Nigeria. Members of the task force include Dapo Abe, Ashim Oyekan, Kunle Adebajo, Dapo Isiolaotan, Niyi Ogunnusi, Emeka Achebe and Babatunde Amode - Secretary.





The terms of reference for the task force are as follows:

1. To determine and articulate the remote and immediate causes of building collapse in Nigeria
2. To proffer solutions to the identified causes in the short medium and long terms.
3. To identify the relevant institutions to be responsible for the implementation of the recommended solutions.
4. To determine the roles and responsibilities of ACEN in the implementation of these solutions as well as the responsibilities of other agencies
5. To examine existing laws, regulations and practices and Advise on the need for revision and upgrade.
6. To advise on any other matter considered relevant to the topic.

The task force has two months to complete its assignment and the report is expected by the end of October. It held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2009

PLANS FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM HEATS UP

Plans are at an advanced stage for this year's Annual Conference which promises to be a landmark event. Several events are planned for this year's conference including

-  Launching of the book on the History of ACEN
-  A Dinner and Awards Night
-  Technical Workshops on Power Generation
-  Election of new Council Members

These events come up on the 10th and 11th of November 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Ikeja, Lagos. Please reserve these dates in your diary.

Five vacancies will be available in the Council for new members, and nomination forms for these positions will be sent out by the secretariat early in September.

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COREN 18TH ENGINEERING ASSEMBLY HELD IN ABUJA

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria-COREN held its 18th engineering assembly at the Conference Centre Abuja from Tuesday 11th - Wednesday - 12th August, 2009. The theme of the conference was "Engineering Education and training - Key to Infrastructural Development". Members of ACEN in attendance included the President, Bayo Adeola, Vice President, Nurudeen . Rafindadi, Treasurer, Tunde Ogunde and the Executive Secretary, Babatunde Amode and a host of others.

The main theme paper on "Engineering Education and Training: Key to Infrastructural Development" was presented by the former Minister of Works, Engr. Chief Barnabas Gemade. Also, our ACEN member, Engr. Rev. E.I. Etteh delivered a paper titled "Challenges of Infrastructural Development - the need for Adequate Engineering Capacity". In his contribution, Engr. Etteh opined that efficient technology and infrastructural facilities provide the backbone for sustainable economic growth and development which must be constantly up-graded with advances in technology.

Other paper presenters at the occasion included Engr.(Professor) J. C. Ekeh of Department Electrical and information, Covenant University who delivered paper on "Reinvigorating Engineering Education in Nigeria for Sustainable Development", The Managing Director of Connect Technologies Ltd., Mr. Chris Uwaje delivered paper on "Information and Communication Technology As a Tool For Effective Engineering Education & Training in the 21st Century", Dr. Adenike Ibilola Amao, Principal Consultant at Lonadek Oil & Gas Consultants delivered paper on "Sustainable Development Through Engineering Education And Training". Others were Engr. Dr. G.C. Udezue from AGIP Limited who spoke on "Problems of Engineering Practice & Regulation in Nigeria The Way Forward" while Dr. Sara A. Rajala, Dean & Professor Earnest W & Mary spoke on "Engineering Education for a Global Economy".

ACEN EGM APPROVES NEW DRAFT ARTICLES & MEMO

The EGM to conclude the review of the draft ACEN Articles and Memo was held on Wednesday August 19, 2009 at NACCIMA Secretariat, Ikeja. The meeting concluded the session that started at the EGM of 9th July and approved the production of the final draft of the document to include the amendments recommended. Thirteen Members attended the meeting.

The final draft will be forwarded for legal drafting and subsequently circulated to all members.

ACEN/TECHGRADE WORKSHOPS

ACEN is organising the following workshops in association with Techgrade Consulting.

1. Procurement and Management of Engineering Consulting Services
Date: Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th September, 2009
Venue: Elephant Cement House, Ikeja Lagos.
2. Contract Administration for Engineering Projects
Date: Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th October, 2009
Venue: Fountain Hall, Rockview Hotel, Abuja
3. Understanding PPP Project Procures and Potential Problem Areas
Date: Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th November, 2009
Venue: Elephant Cement House, Ikeja Lagos.

***Fees N55,000.00 ACEN/NSE Members, 60,000.00 Others
10% discount for 5 or more participants from same organisation.***

We hereby request for the nomination of firm members to attend the workshop as there is assurance that your organisation will benefit much from their participation at these workshops. Similarly, facilitators are needed from ACEN members to facilitate at these workshops.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM MET

The maiden meeting of Young Professional Forum - YPF was held at the ACEN Secretariat with 11 members on Friday 28th August, 2009. The Young Professional Forum is a subordinate unit of Association of Consulting Engineers Nigeria and it consists of young professionals within the age range of 28 - 40 years and are employed by ACEN firms.

The need for Young Professionals Forum (YPF) was identified and initiated at the FIDIC 2003 Conference in Hawaii, USA. The body was formed in order to uplift the industry and built environment professionals where new ideas could be generated to assist and promote the industry and also to identify possible problems which the industry may be facing.

Members firms are implored to release the young engineers to join this forum at their next meeting which will hold on 30th October, 2009.

You can reach the Co-ordinator, Engr. Babatunde Oloko on **08023333474**

ACEN HISTORY

The final write up on the book to mark the 30years of ACEN has been concluded and ready for publication. The book is scheduled to be launched later in the year.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

The next edition of ACEN magazine "The Consulting Engineer" is to be published soon. The magazine will focus on building collapse in Nigeria as the main theme while the sub-themes will be:

- (a) Experience/Records of building collapse in Nigeria.
- (b) Why buildings collapse.
- (c) How to prevent building collapse.
- (d) Collapse from other lands
- (e) ACEN position on building collapse.

Members are implored to make contributions in form of articles, projects, advertisements etc. To be featured in the magazine.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Secretariat received 13 forms from new members who want to join ACEN. The committee has started to review the applications in order to enable them determine their suitability.

ACEN AGM 2009

The ACEN Annual General Meeting comes up at Sheraton Hotel & Towers from 10th -11th November, 2009. Details of the programme will be made available in the next edition of this newsletter. Members are implored to keep these dates in mind.

**FIDIC Conference
holds in London
between September
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Project 1

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

INTRODUCTION:

Galaxy Backbone Plc, a public enterprise of the Federal Government intends to develop the National Information Technology Centre Abuja. The location will function as both the Government Data Centre (GCD) and the National Network Operations Centre (NNOC). The building will among other considerations express Galaxy Backbone's function as National Information and Communications Technology Infrastructure Backbone. The structure should be innovative and contribute to the dialogue on buildings as modern communication tools. The architectural solution should stem from a consideration of the functional, environmental, technological, economic, social and cultural context of our business/social environment.

Galaxy Backbone now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the following services.

- Architectural
- Structural & Civil Engineering
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- Information technology
- Quantity surveying services

Consultants should indicate their interest in one of the services and then provide information that confirms their qualification to perform the services. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work is as stipulated in the Nigerian Institute of Architects condition of and consultancy services agreement. It covers preliminary design, working drawings and tender and supervision of works.

PRE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Evidence of company's existence in Nigeria
- Company profile and organisational structure including names of key personnel
- Copies of certificate of incorporation
- Documented evidence of experience in sustainable design
- Documented evidence that key personnel are registered with their professional bodies.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Data centre design requirements Details of quality assurance/quality control procedures.

SUBMISSION OF PRE - QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Two (2) hard copies of Expression of Interest documents should be submitted to Galaxy Backbone and marked as follows:

Confidential, Pre-qualification Information. (Expression of Interest Title: National Information Technology Centre Abuja) this should be neatly packaged and delivered to: The Procurement Manager Galaxy Backbone Plc, 61, Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent, Wuse 2 Abuja.

Deadline for submissions will be two weeks from the date of this publication.

Note: This is not a Request for Proposal, Galaxy Backbone Plc reserves the right to reject any all pre-qualification proposals. Galaxy Backbone Plc will not enter into correspondence with any company or individual on why a company was pre-qualified or not qualified.

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**PROJECT REFERENCE
FEDERAL TENDERS JOURNAL**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
6, 2009**

Project 2

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water
Resources**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST (EIO)**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL TRAVEL AND
TRANSPORT PROGRAMME (RTTP)
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP)

Project ID No. P072644

This request for Expression of Interest (EIO) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for the above Project that appeared in the dgMarket web site on April 8, 2008.

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received credit from the International Development Association towards the cost of the Rural Access and Mobility Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services for the Development of Rural Travel and Transport Programme (RTTP) Implementation Plan. This assignment is to develop the implementation plan for the Rural Travel and Transport

Policy that would define the project activities, processes and strategies including cost estimates relevant to the four components of the Rural Travel and Transport Policy that would define the project activities, processes and strategies including cost estimates relevant to the four components of the Rural Travel and Transport Programme (RTTP). The duration of this assignment will be 4 months.

The Federal Project Management Unit on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide information (brochures, description of similar assignment, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff ect) indicating that they are qualified to render the services.

**SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF
INTERESTS (EOIs)**

One original and five copies of the Expression of Interest must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Expression of Interest CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME (RTTP) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN" and should be deposited in the tender's box located at the FPMU Office at the address mentioned below not later than 2:00pm, 28th September, 2009. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Borrowers published in May 2004 and revised in October, 2006.

Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Federal Project management Unit is not bound to short-list any firm.

**National Coordinator, RAMP
Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU)
Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP)
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Airport Road, Central Area,
Abuja, Nigeria.
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