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VACANCY NOTICE

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The Authority

The European Banking Authority ("EBA") is an independent EU Authority established on 1 January 2011 by Regulation (EC) No. 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010, and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L 331/12) on 15 December, 2010.

The Mission

With a view to improving the functioning of the EU internal market, the EBA contributes to ensuring a high quality, effective and consistent level of regulation and supervision in its areas of competence. It also promotes public values such as the stability of the financial system, the transparency of markets and financial products, and the protection of depositors and investors.

It works to prevent regulatory arbitrage and guarantee a level playing field, strengthens international supervisory coordination, promotes supervisory convergence and provides advice to the Union institutions in the areas of banking, payments and e-money regulation and supervision, and related corporate governance, auditing and financial reporting issues.

As an integral part of the ESFS, the EBA works closely together with her sister authorities, EIOPA and ESMA, as well as the Joint Committee and the ESRB.

The EBA is currently inviting applications for a position as an Accounting Assistant at its offices in London, United Kingdom.

Further information on the EBA is available on the EBA website: www.eba.europa.eu.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

The European Banking Authority is seeking suitable candidates for the position as an Accounting Assistant who, under the responsibility of the Accounting Officer, will play an important role in supporting all activities related to accounting.

Job description

Main purpose

Support and assistance to the Accounting Officer in the execution of accounting and related financial tasks.

Main responsibilities:

Providing support and assistance in day-to-day operations in the full spectrum of accounting activities including:

- Execution of payments
- Recovery of expenses and VAT
- Validation/examination of recovery orders
- Control of financial transactions (payments, salaries, recoveries)
- Data collection and revision for financial reporting
- Bank reconciliation, accounts reconciliation
- Coordination of financial assets inventory related tasks
- Monthly closure of the accounts and preparation of year-end closing accounts up to establishment of annual accounts/financial statements (accruals, budgetary and other intermediary reports)
- Coordination of financial activities with the EBA's operations (finance, procurement, HR, logistics)
- Coordination with and reporting to EBA's member organisations, the European Commission's services, the European Court of Auditors and other external stakeholders
- Execution of any other tasks as required by the Accounting Officer

Requirements

1. Eligibility Criteria

Candidates will be considered eligible for selection on the basis of the following criteria to be fulfilled by the deadline for applications:

1.1. General:

- Thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the European Union and a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the European Union;
- Be a national of a Member State of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, and Lichtenstein;
- Be entitled to his/her full rights as a citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws on military service;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post.

Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record and shall be medically examined in order to fulfil the requirements of Article 12 (2)(d) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities.

1.2. Specific:

1.2.1. Qualifications:

To be eligible, a candidate must have completed university studies of accounting, finance, or audit of at least three years attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least one year.

1.2.2. Professional experience:

Candidates must have, in addition to above, at least six years proven fulltime professional experience in a similar position/s after completing the education.

1.2.3. Knowledge of languages:

For working purposes an excellent knowledge of English language (written and spoken) is required.

2. Selection criteria

In addition to the above, the candidate must have:

- Knowledge of the EC Financial Regulations and their implementing rules, preferably for EU bodies (agencies);
- Experience in accounting and finance in an EU institution;
- Knowledge of EU financial procedures and terminology;
- Expert knowledge SAP;
- Expert knowledge of MS Office, especially spreadsheet applications (MS Excel);

For this position the candidates are expected to fulfil the following competencies:

- Excellent organisation, coordination and prioritization skills;
- Sense for accuracy;
- Personal integrity and independence;
- Ability to deal with confidential matters;
- Good communication and presentation skills;
- Flexibility to take over other tasks in view of a dynamic and evolving institutional environment;
- Proactive attitude;
- Very good team work capacity in multicultural environment

It would be advantageous for the candidate to have

- Additional accounting qualification such as ACCA, AAT, CIMA, ACA, or IFA
- Experience in ABAC Assets, ABAC Workflow, Sage Line 50
- Experience and background in auditing
- Experience in other relevant functions in the EU institutions
- Knowledge of the European Union, its policies and institutions.

3. Equal opportunities

As a European Union agency, the EBA will apply a policy of equal opportunities and will take care to avoid any form of discrimination in its recruitment procedures.

4. Selection procedure

The selection procedure will include the following:

4.1. The selection committee will be established.

4.2. The selection committee will analyse application documents (CV, motivations letter, and eligibility and selection criteria grid) of applicants with reference to the eligibility and selection criteria and will establish a shortlist. Short listed candidates may be invited to sit written tests and interviews.

Written tests will be done in English and will be related to the job and designed to test the knowledge, ability to understand, analyse and summarise, and drafting skills. Total mark for written test: 10. The minimum score to pass: 6.

The interview will aim to assess the suitability of the candidate to perform the duties, professional knowledge and motivation. The interview will be held in English. Total mark for interview: 10. The minimum score to pass: 6.

Successful candidates will be listed in order of merit. Suitable candidates who obtain the best score will be recruited and the candidates with the total score equal to and above 12 will be placed on the reserve list which will be valid until 31/12/2012. Inclusion in the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.

Please note that the selection committee's work and deliberations are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is strictly forbidden.

5. Appointment and conditions of employment

5.1. Contract type, duration and starting date:

The successful candidate can be offered a contract agent fixed-term contract of three years with a probation period of nine months, with the possibility of extension.

Starting date: as soon as possible.

The selected candidate will be invited to be available at a short notice.

5.2. Function group and grade:

The successful candidate recruited under a fixed term contract shall be appointed at grade FG IV.

The estimated monthly basic salary is from € 3,145.45

5.3. Summary of the conditions of employment

- Salaries are exempted from national tax; instead a Community tax at source is paid;
- The correction coefficient (currently on the date of publication of the vacancy notice: 34.4%) applicable to the remuneration of officials and other servants under Article 64 of the Staff Regulations for the United Kingdom shall apply;
- Depending on the individual family situation and the place of origin, staff members may be entitled to the following: expatriation allowance, household allowance, dependent child allowance, education allowance, installation allowance and reimbursement of removal costs, initial temporary daily subsistence allowance, and other benefits;
- Annual leave entitlement - two days per calendar month plus additional days for age, grade, and distance from the place of origin;
- EU Pension Scheme (after 10 years of service);
- EU Joint Sickness and Insurance Scheme, accident and occupational disease insurance coverage, unemployment and invalidity allowance; and
- Travel insurance when travelling on missions.

5.4. Place of employment

EBA offices in London, United Kingdom.

6. Submission of Applications

Applications including **a curriculum vitae in the Europass format, motivation letter, eligibility and selection criteria grid** should be

submitted in English to the following address: vacancies@eba.europa.eu by **14 July 2012 at 12:00 noon GMT.**

Only complete applications will be accepted and considered.

In order for the application to be considered complete candidates must send all documents: a curriculum vitae in the Europass format, motivation letter, and eligibility and selection criteria grid before the deadline.

Candidates should assess and check before submitting their application whether they fulfil all the requirements as specified in the vacancy notice, particularly in terms of qualifications and relevant professional experience.

Professional experience indicated in the curriculum vitae are counted only from the time the candidate obtained the certificate or diploma required for the position. Start and end dates of all previous positions and whether full time or part time work should be indicated in the curriculum vitae. Freelance or self employed candidates must provide either a copy of the entry in the relevant trade register, or any official document (for example a tax revenue) showing clearly the length of the relevant professional experience. Details of any professional experience, training, research or studies must be given on the application form. Candidates must be able to provide photocopies of supporting documents clearly showing duration and nature of experience upon request.

At this stage, please, do not send supporting documents (copies of ID cards, passports, diplomas, etc.)

7. Data protection

EBA will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

8. Appeal Procedure

If a candidate considers that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision, he/she can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, at the following address:

The Executive Director
European Banking Authority
Selection procedure: **Ref. CLOP CA 03/2012**
Floor 18 Tower 42
London EC2N 1HQ
United Kingdom

The complaint must be lodged within three 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure starts to run from the time the completion of the selection procedure is published on the website.

