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EU – SRI LANKA TRADE-RELATED ASSISTANCE

ASSESSOR TRAINING FOR ACCREDITATION OF BODIES PROVIDING AUDIT AND CERTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AS PER ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB) as the National Accreditation Authority in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) under the framework of the EU-Sri Lanka Trade-related Assistance project has organized an Assessor training for Accreditation of Bodies providing audit and certification of management systems as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

This project is funded by the European Union in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (SLAB) is the accreditation authority in Sri Lanka established under Act No. 32 of 2005 for granting accreditation to certification bodies providing audit and certification of management systems as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015. The other conformity assessment bodies under the purview of SLAB are testing laboratories, medical laboratories, certification bodies on persons and inspection bodies. The assessors required for conducting conformity assessments in certification bodies are selected from externally and they will be trained and registered with SLAB.

SLAB has planned to conduct this assessor training programme to train a batch of assessors incompliant with the International Standard ISO/IEC 17021 and SLAB requirements, as compliance monitoring of operations is increasingly used in day to day business. The potential applicants shall be currently engaged in certification of management systems. The detailed criteria for Assessor Training and Selection are attached. Those who qualify after successful participation at the training would be absorbed into the SLAB assessor pool.

In addition, this training would be a pre-qualification for certification bodies to develop and assess their own processes and critical locations, and to train own staff on the standard requirements.

This Assessor Training Programme will be held from **20th to 22nd of March 2019 and 25th to 26th March 2019** for 5 days at Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, No 104 A, Kitulwatte Road, Borella.

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The cost will be LKR 50,000/= plus government approved taxes. However, the total cost of programme is subsidized to **LKR 17602.04** (LKR 15000+ 15 % VAT 2295.92 + 2 % NBT 306.12), by the EU- Sri Lanka Trade-Related Assistance project being implemented by UNIDO. The payment may be made by cheque written in favour of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board or in cash before the commencement of the programme.


Applications are invited from persons with suitable qualifications for consideration for the above training programme. The prospective candidates should fill in and submit the attached application form, and those currently employed, with the concurrence of the Head of the Institution for release of such officials for training and subsequent assessments with an updated CV to SLAB by **12th March 2019**. The number of places available in the programme is 25.


Please contact Mr Niranjana Kannangara, Assistant Director (Accreditation) on Telephone: 0112689157/8 ext. 207 & Mobile: 772209242, E-mail: niranjana@slab.lk for any information/clarification required.

We seek the co-operation of your Institution/ Department/ Association to circulate this communication among the staff and to release such eligible and interested officials of your Institution to participate in the above training programme. This programme will enable them to be professionally qualified as assessors in accreditation of certification bodies providing audit and certification of management systems

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,


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