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Mr. Bankole, ACA, CPA, MBA, is the managing director and lead partner of **Abi – Bankole, P. C.**, a Houston-based full-service public accounting firm. As a lead partner, he coordinates and provides technical oversight and quality control reviews for all the firm's engagements.

Mr. Bankole holds a first class (honors) Bachelors of Science degree in accounting from the Obafemi Awolowo University (formerly University of Ife) in Nigeria and a Masters of Business Administration (Finance; GPA of 3.94/4) degree from the University of Houston – Victoria. He was the most outstanding CPA candidate in Texas at the November 6, 1999 swearing-in ceremony, having received the highest cumulative score amongst the newly sworn-in CPAs.

He is licensed to practice public accountancy in the State of Texas. He has never been subject to any complaints or disciplinary action by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy or other regulatory authorities.

He is a member of, and in good standing with, the following professional bodies:

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA)
- Houston Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Other Engagements:

- Senior Pastor, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Restoration Chapel, Katy, Texas.
- Adjunct Instructor of Accounting, University of Houston – Victoria.
- Alumnus, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International Bridge Program.

Work Experience

Mr. Bankole has considerable experience in financial & business management, financial statement and compliance audits, financial accounting & reporting, agreed-upon procedures, budgets and budgetary controls, preparation of full disclosure financial statements, system and operational audits, design (including evaluation and implementation) of financial and internal control measures, policies and procedures, business processes and strategy, preparation of tax return, tax planning and compliance, and financial statement review and compilation, serving several and a diverse mix of clients, including small and large non-public and commercial corporations, non-for-profit organizations (including organizations requiring single audits), foundations, churches and other religious organizations, healthcare businesses, independent school district, charter schools, private K – 12 schools, higher educational institutions, community colleges and other governmental agencies and individuals.

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Prior to starting the public accounting firm of Abi – Bankole, P.C., he was an audit manager with another Houston-based public accounting firm developing and maintaining productive, long-term client relationships, as well as planning, directing and coordinating audit and other engagements, developing engagement strategies, identifying financial, business, significant, fraud and other relevant engagement risk factors, performing quality control reviews of engagement working papers, monitoring engagement team's performance, preparing audit and other necessary and required engagement reports, including financial statements and related note disclosures, evaluating client internal controls over financial reporting and compliance with regulations, laws, provisions of contract and grant agreements, recommending process and control enhancements to improve business operating efficiencies and collaborating with clients to resolve complex accounting and business issues. The engagements he managed were performed in accordance with the financial accounting and auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, government auditing standards (Yellow Book), OMB Circular A-133 and related compliance supplements and cost circulars, Single Audit Act of 1996, as amended, State of Texas Single Audit Circular, guides and regulations specified by oversight and regulatory agencies, and other professional standards and guidelines, as applicable.

He also worked for more than 5 years as the Chief Financial Officer for a premier Houston nonprofit organization providing leadership to the fiscal management team, ensuring that the organization remains fiscally responsible and sound, and working with the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and other members of senior management to craft and implement strategies, policies and action plans to ensure that the organization occupies a position of eminence within the nonprofit sector not only in Houston but also across the nation. He is an alumnus of PriceWaterhouse Coopers, having worked with the Nigerian Office for 3 years. He also worked in different capacities in three Nigerian banks for 5 years and left the banking industry as a corporate credit and finance manager to manage his own investment company and other businesses for 6 years before relocating to the United States of America in October 1997.