

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
Ministry of Public Works and Transport
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LAO ROAD SECTOR PROJECT 2 (“LRSP 2”)
CREDIT No.: 5920-LA

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS**

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) of Lao PDR has received financing support from World Bank and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) to implement Lao Road Sector Project 2 (LRSP2) (March 2017-February 2022), which will support MPWT strengthen its capacity at both central and local levels to manage local road improvement and maintenance. The WB has approved a credit of approximately USD 25 million, and NDF a grant for a Technical Assistance (TA) program amounting to EUR 5 million and a loan not exceeding EUR 6 million to finance the LRSP2. In addition, the Road Maintenance Funds (RMF) will contribute approximately USD 7 million, and the 6 participating provinces also will contribute around USD 3 million to the Project. The European Investment Bank (EIB) has also expressed interest to provide financing support to the implementation of the road local road development program designed under LRSP2.

MPWT intends to recruit three individual consultants (FMCs or the Consultants) for assisting MPWT/Department of Finance (DoF) in strengthening financial management:

- i) Financial Management Consultant - Northern responsible for northern provinces including DPWTs in Phongsaly, Oudomxay, Borkeo and Luangnamtha provinces, and other departments of MPWT;
- ii) Financial Management Consultant - Central responsible for central provinces including DPWTs in Xayabuly, Huaphanh, Xiengkhuang, Vientiane and Luangprabang provinces, Vientiane Capital, DoF and other departments of MPWT; and
- iii) Financial Management Consultant - Southern responsible for southern provinces including DPWTs in Bolikhamxay, Khammuane, Savannakhet, Champasack, Saravanh and Attapue provinces, and other departments of MPWT.

Each qualified Consultant will be recruited for 24 person-months for the aforementioned services and to assist the AD/DoF and DPWTs from August 2017 with possible further extension.

The minimum qualifications requirements are:

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance. Holding a professional qualification such as Lao CPA or other internationally recognized CPA are an asset;
- Relevant financial management skills and experience in the public sector financial management such as produce public sector financial report, cash and advance control, etc;

- At least seven (7) years of working experience in Accounting, Auditing or Finance areas; previous experience on similar assignment with organization/donor projects is an asset.
- Knowledge and experience in government system, rules and regulations in accounting, financial and procurement is an asset;
- Familiarity with infrastructure development projects and ODA finance projects;
- Basic knowledge of World Bank disbursements guidelines and procedures is preferable;
- Familiarity with Government of Lao PDR systems and policies at the national, provincial and district levels;
- High degree of computer literacy, and intermediate to advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), and have some experiences in using accounting software such as Accpac would be an advantage;
- Previous experience in training and assessment needs assessment will be an advantage; and
- Very good English and Lao skills (writing, reading, speaking and listening).

The successful Consultants will be selected in accordance with the provisions of Section II, under the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#), dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014.

Interested consultants may obtain further information and ToR at the address below during office hours 08.00 - 16.00 hours; also the ToR can be downloaded from the MPWT's website: www.mpwt.gov.la.

Expression of interest including CV with description of similar assignments must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 16.00 hours of 31 July 2017.

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