



## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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Ministry of Public Works and Transport  
Department of Water Supply

No: 155 /DWS  
Vientiane Capital, Date: 04 MAR 2024

### Request for Expressions of Interest

Project No. and Title: 53389-001 LAO: Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Sector Project  
Package Name: Project Management Consultant  
Deadline for  
Submission of EOI: Date: 10 April 2024

1. The Government of Lao PDR has applied for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Improvement Sector Project (WSSIP). The proposed project will provide safe, reliable, affordable, and climate-resilient water supply and sanitation services to approximately 16,000 households (90,000 people). It will: (i) strengthen the regulatory environment of the water supply and sanitation sector; (ii) improve the access and quality of service of the water supply and sanitation services in participating provinces; and (iii) develop the institutional capacity of the Department of Water Supply and the provincial water utilities (Provincial Nam Papas) to manage the water supply and sanitation sector in a sustainable manner.
2. The government intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to finance the Project Management Consultant (hereinafter referred to as "the Service"). This is an advance procurement for the project and the contract will be signed only after loan effectiveness. The advance contracting does not commit ADB to finance the project.
3. The consulting firm for this assignment will be selected and financed under the project and in accordance with ADB's *Procurement Policy 2017* and *Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers. Goods, Works, Non-consulting and Consulting Services* (2017, as amended from time to time) using the Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) selection method (90:10). The Consultant shall demonstrate (i) technical competence of implementing similar projects; (ii) project experience in Lao PDR and the Southeast Asian region; and (iii) management competence.
4. This request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) notice along with the terms of reference (TOR) and other project documents is available at ADB's Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) (<http://csrnr.adb.org>). This advertisement is also available in the local newspapers Vientiane-Time, websites <http://www.mpwt.gov.la> and <http://ppmd.mof.gov.la>
5. The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT),<sup>1</sup> the executing agency for the project, invites qualified firms with credible experience in the region, preferably in Lao PDR, to submit EOIs for this assignment using a standard template provided in CSRN. EOI standard template is available at ADB's website at <https://www.adb.org/documents/recruitment-firms-individual-consultants-executing-agencies>.
6. In order to implement the Project, MPWT will engage the services of a multidisciplinary team of international (82 person-months) and national (230 person months of key experts and 406 person months of non-key experts) management and technical consultants. The consulting services are

<sup>1</sup> The MPWT will fulfill its obligations through its Department of Water Supply (DWS). In each participating province, the provincial Department of Public Works and Transport (DPWT) will be the implementing agency. The national project steering committee (PSC) established for the WSSIP will have its mandate expanded to oversee the implementation of the project.

expected to be implemented over a period of 60 months. The detailed TOR for the assignment is attached.

7. EOIs must be submitted online via <http://cms.adb.org> no later than 10 April 2024 by **11:59 PM Manila time or Vientiane Lao PDR time**. Only expressions of interest compliant with the TOR for this assignment will be considered. Shortlisted firms will be invited to submit a proposal for the consulting services. The names and addresses of shortlisted firms will be published on the ADB and government (if this is applicable) websites as mentioned above.
8. Additional information can be obtained from DWS at the address given below:

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Sincerely Yours, ✓

**Director General**



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