

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)

## NATIONAL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AND OPERATION CONSULTANT FOR COMPONENT 1, REFERENCE NO. ICS-007

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT); Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF); Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC); Ministry of Public Security (MOPS); Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Lao PDR have received financing support from the World Bank's (WB) International Development Association (IDA) to implement the Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEARECC) with a project duration of six (6) years starting from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of year 2022.

The proposed of SEARECC seeks to improve the domestic and regional transport connectivity and logistics facilities, with associated policy reforms for increased economic activities along selected transport corridors in Northern Lao PDR. The project scope includes improvement of transport connectivity and logistics services in Lao PDR, trade facilitation, border crossing control management, and agriculture trade along the NR2 corridor and five provinces in the corridor catchment area. National Road 2 (NR2), 295 km long and a part of ASEAN highway No. 13. SEARECC consists of five (5) components as follow : (1) Lao PDR and Regional Connectivity Enhancement, (2) Logistics Services Development and Vorder-Crossing Management, (3) Strengthening Institutional Capacity and Regulatory Framework in Agriculture, Transport, and Investment Planning, (4) Project Management and (5) Contingency Emergency Response.

The Department of Roads (DOR) now intends to engage a full-time suitably qualified and experienced as National Project Implementation Support and Operation Consultant for the Department of Roads, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) to undertake the tasks under Component 1 as described in the Terms of Reference (ToR). The full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website www.mpwt.gov.la or can be sent to candidates upon written request to the e-mail address below.

This assignment is intended as a full-time and time-based contract with an individual Consultant up to 24 months with possibility of renewal based on satisfactory performance review and Project requirements., this assignment expected to be start between November 2022 to October 2024. The duty station is initially at MPWT Office, Vientiane, Lao PDR, with periodic travelling to provinces.

The Project Procurement Committee of SEARECC Project now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultant should provide information (CV, Expression of Interest, other supporting information, if any) demonstrating that s/he has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. In order to qualify for this position, the candidates shall meet the following experience and competence requirements:

- 1. At least a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, or additional degree in economics or business administration is preferential.
- 2. At least 5 years of relevant work experience in similar assignments as Project Coordinator or similar positions with major donor funded projects, particularly with World Bank funded projects, will be an advantage. Experiences in road and bridge constructions, improvements and maintenances are preferable
- 3. Knowledge, skills and experience in result-based planning, quality control, monitoring and evaluation and human resources management, ideally within the infrastructure sector.
- 4. Good knowledge of spoken and written English and proficiency in communication in Lao.
- 5. Good computer literacy in Engineering software (e.g. AutoCAD/Sketchup, AirGIS) and Microsoft office (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- 6. Willingness to travel as needed
- 7. Flexibility and ability to work and deliver high-quality production time.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" 4<sup>th</sup> edition of November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 25 November 2022, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Yours sincerely,

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