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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST
NATIONAL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION SUPPORT CONSULTANT
TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL TRADE, SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY (SPS) MANAGEMENT (C3)
(PP Ref. No. ICS-009, Project ID No. P176088; IDA Credit No. 7102-LA)

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 had received financial 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 middle of year 2022, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

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 MAF is seeking a full-time National Project Implementation Support and Operational Consultant (NPIOSC) will support sub-Component 3.1 of the SEARECC project with technical support to the DOA, DLF, DAEC, FDD and Agritech center in consultation with the World Bank team in planning and implementing the Project activities, assist the line agencies in preparing annual and quarterly plans, preparation of technical specifications of procurement packages, monitoring and reporting and managing the tasks of the other consultants, management of the input of TA, insure compliance of the SPS measures to increase safe trade of agricultural and food products.

The services of NPIOSC is initially required for a period of 24 months starting November 2022 to October 2024 on a full-time basis working at DOA-MAF, with possibility of extension depending on the Project needs and availability of funds. The NPISOC will be based in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Contract extensions shall be subject to annual performance evaluation

The SEARECC Project Procurement Committee 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 :

- The candidate should have a minimum qualification of a master's degree in agricultural science related to SPS related subjects.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in managing agricultural development projects and experience working on SPS projects in Laos;
- Knowledge of agricultural institutions, SPS measures would be an added advantage;
- Knowledge, skills and experience in result-based planning, quality control, monitoring and evaluation and human resources management, ideally within the infrastructure sector.
- Must have good reporting skills and communication skills;
- Must be fully computer literate, complete knowledge of the MS Office and MS Project;
- Must be proficient in English and in working knowledge of Lao language.
- Willingness to travel as needed
- 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" 4th 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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