

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC RESPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Ministry of Public Works and Transport Department of Roads

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

Environmental Social Safeguard Consultant (ESC)
Lao National Road 13 North Improvement and Maintenance project (NR13N)
IDA Credit No. 6226-LA; Project ID No: P163730

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) of Lao PDR has received financing support from The World Bank (WB), the Nordic Development Fund (NDF), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Government of Lao PDR (GoL) to implement National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Projects (NR13N), The Project has been effective from June 2018. It will support improvement works, and maintenance and operation of a 58 km critical section of the National Road 13 north (NR13N) – and Additional 6 km section (segment) of the NR13N section from Sikhai to Sikeut, the most important transport corridor of Lao PDR in terms of both domestic and regional connectivity.

Th department of roads is now looking for Environmental Social Safeguard Consultant (ESC) to assist Environment Research and Disaster Prevention Division (EDPD) of Public Work and Transport Institute (PTI), MPWT to Manage, Monitor and Report on Implementation of the Environmental and Social Safeguard Works for NR 13 North project. The ESC will work closely with the EDPD at PTI to ensure that the projects achieve their objectives. ESC will work jointly with the Project Management Units team (PMU) under the direction of the Project Managers. The initial duration of the assignment will be 12 months from (planned) 15 March 2023 to 14 March 2024, with possible renewal based on satisfactory performance. This will be a full-time assignment with duty station is in Vientiane, Lao PDR, with travel to provinces.

Full ToR can be accessed at the MPWT's website: https://www.mpwt.gov.la/en/ongoing-projects

In order to qualify for this position, the candidates shall meet the following experience and competence requirements:

- At least Bachelor degree in civil engineering, environment sciences or engineering, and/or other fields related to environmental management, environmental technology, and/or occupational health, safety.
- A minimum of 5-year experience in environment and social impact assessment for road or other infrastructure projects.
- 3. Having experience and knowledge on World Bank's ES safeguard requirements (OP4.01, OP4.10, and OP4.12), and GOL ES safeguard requirements especially those related to Resettlement and Compensation, ESIA/IEE legislations, and other concerned regulations on environmental and social safeguards related to infrastructure will be highly desired.
- 4. Experience in working with government agencies to support and develop their institutional capacity would be an advantage.

- 5. Good spoken and written English with ability to prepare report in English language, and computer literacy (Microsoft Office and Excel) will be necessary.
- 6. Willingness and ability to travel to project site frequently as well as undertaking other related tasks that may be assigned and agreed with the EDPD/PTI.

The ESC will be recruited using the Individual Consultant (IC) method following the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Project Financing" (hereinafter referred to as "Procurement Regulations") dated July 1, 2016 revised November 2020 edition, under Individual Consultants (IC) selection method. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the said Regulations, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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 03 March 2023, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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