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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST
NATIONAL LABORATORY SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT FOOD SAFETY LABORATORY SERVICE
FOR COMPONENT 3.1, REFERENCE NO. ICS-034

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 4th quarter of year 2022. 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 Planning and Finance (DPF) of the MPWT intends to engage a part-time suitably qualified and experienced National Consultant to support the Department of Agriculture (DOA) of the MAF, the Food and Drug Department (FDD) of MOH, as well as the International Laboratory Management and SOP Development Specialist hired by SEARECC in conducting the gap assessment and implementation of laboratory upgrades of the regional laboratory at Northern Agri-Tech Center and mini-labs at International Border Check Points and accreditation of selected lab by the counterpart authorities of China, Vietnam and Thailand. During the implementation of this assignment, the consultant shall carry out all activities in accordance with relevant project documentation, MAF regulations, and Lao legislation, including those related to environmental and social safeguard measures, and must ensure that all activities are in compliance with the requirements of the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines.

This shall be a part-time assignment with estimated time input 60 person-days to be worked within 24-month consultancy service period. The assignment is planned to start in May 2023. 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.

The 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:

- Master degree in food safety or equivalent and related technology.
- 10 years of experience in working in food safety laboratory.

- A similar assignment successfully completed within a period of the past 5 years, especially under a project financed by IFI is a strong asset.
- 5-year experience in laboratory management position (e.g., director or deputy director)
- Working experience with development projects in Laboratory in Lao PDR will be a good advantage.
- Fluency in English, Thai and Lao language.
- Good knowledge of use of computer with full command on MS Office.
- Proven good coordination, reporting and communication skills
- Willingness to travel to project provinces as needed.

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

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