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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST
NATIONAL LAB FACILITY IMPROVEMENT SUPERVISION CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT LABORATORY
RENOVATION FOR COMPONENT 3.1, PP REFERENCE NO. ICS-051

The Government of Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (GoL) has applied for 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 middle of year 2022 and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) is the lead implementing agency of the SEARECC. 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 SEARECC Project now intends to engage a National Lab Facility Improvement Supervision Consultant to Support Laboratory Renovation (NLFISC) to assist the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and Northern Agricultural Technical Center (ATC) to supervise, monitor, and ensure the renovation of existing facilities in Vientiane and Oudomxay provinces is in compliance with the high-quality standard of work and specifications through regular quality site inspections with contractors, and report to the DOA and ATC. The improvement of infrastructure facilities will include, but not be limited to, the renovation of the project management office, the existing pre-post entry quarantine greenhouse, the laboratory building, the connection of laboratories to the water supply, and the wastewater management tank, for example. During the implementation of this assignment, the consultant is required to ensure that the implementation of the infrastructure facility renovation is in compliance with the environment and social safeguard measures (ESS) of the World Bank and the Government of Laos, such as the Environmental and Social Code of Practice (ESCAP) of this work.

This shall be a part-time assignment with estimated time input 40 person-days to be worked from August to November 2023. The assignment is planned to start in August 2023. The consultant will work at ATC Oudomxay province, contractor and national consultants project, of DOA, and ATC. 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.

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:

- At least a Bachelor's in engineering (Civil), Architect or equivalent field;
- At least 7 years of work experience in construction work, engineering, architect and relevant field of work;
- At least 7 years of experience in construction supervisions of civil works structures and experience with ODA Funders (WB and other Funders);
- At least 7 years of experience in detailed design appraisal or in construction supervision for civil works projects;
- Willingness to travel to project provinces as needed;
- Those who are based in Oudomxay will have an advantage;
- Proved good coordination, reporting and communication skills;
- English ability: Prove strong oral and written English communication, including oral and written in English.

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 01 August 2023, 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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**Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEARECC) Project
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1. Background

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 to May 2028. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve regional and domestic trade and climate resilient transport connectivity along an East-West corridor in Southeast Asia, and to provide an immediate and effective response in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency.

The Sub-Component 3.1 of SEARECC Project aims to support on enhancing agricultural trade and improving the SPS Management system. Capacity development to support agricultural trade will focus on improving the enabling environment for agricultural trade activities. The key activities include: (i) financing technical assistance to review and improve business process for cross border trade for agriculture products through streamlining of export and import permits, raising awareness of traders' compliance with SPS requirements, and simplifying the registration and scientific certification system of farm inputs; (ii) providing trainings to strengthen operational capacity for the MAF, Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Offices (PAFOs), and DAFOs in agricultural trade promotion; and (iii) capacity development to address key gender gaps in agricultural value chain to enhance trade including unequal access to information for women, barriers registering businesses, accessing financial credit, technology and market.

Capacity Building for SPS Management will focus on capacity building of MAF, Ministry of Health (MOH), PAFOs, District Agriculture and Forestry Offices (DAFOs), and border checkpoints for compliance of SPS requirements and reduce trade barriers in the targeted provinces and districts. Mainly, the activities cover (i) financing technical assistance to review and improve legislations relevant for SPS; (ii) providing training to strengthen institutional and operational capacity in SPS management; and (iii) financing technical assistance to carry out a scientific laboratory assessment for upgrade accredit/recognize and testing services.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The National Consultant will assist the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and Northern Agricultural Technical Center (ATC) to supervise, monitor, and ensure the renovation of existing facilities in Vientiane and Oudomxay provinces is in compliance with the high-quality standard of work and specifications through regular quality site inspections with contractors, and report to the DOA and ATC.

3. Scope of Work

The improvement of infrastructure facilities will include, but not be limited to, the renovation of the project management office, the existing pre-post entry quarantine greenhouse, the laboratory building, the connection of laboratories to the water supply, and the wastewater management tank, for example. During the implementation of this assignment, the consultant is required to ensure that the implementation of the infrastructure facility renovation is in compliance with the environment and social safeguard measures (ESS) of the World Bank and the Government of Laos, such as the Environmental and Social Code of Practice (ESCAP) of this work. The scope and specific tasks of the consultant will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1) Assist the DOA and ATC teams on construction supervision, monitoring, and reporting the works for the infrastructure facility renovation or construction.
- 2) Monitor and ensure the work is implemented in accordance with design, specification, and quality standards through regular quality inspections at the site with contractors and a report to DOA and ATC.
- 3) Carry out safety inspections to ensure the contractor and the project implement the facility renovation in compliance with standard operating procedures, the World Bank ESS/Environmental and Social Code of Practice of the project, and local regulations.
- 4) Direct and supervise the day-to-day operations of contractors as needed, including the work plan for the construction activities.
- 5) Coordinate and collaborate with the ATC and DOA Consultant Team to ensure that the equipment is installed correctly.
- 6) Coordinate with relevant stakeholders to successfully perform this consulting service.
- 7) Ensure all work is completed within the agreed-upon deadlines.
- 8) Liaise with stakeholders, contractor to maintain relationship and report to the DOA and ATC.
- 9) Perform other duties as required related to the completion of the construction work under this assignment.

4. Reporting, Deliverables and Timeline:

The Consultant will be required to deliver the following outputs:

#	Deliverable / Report	Expected Period from Services' Commencement
D1	Workplan for monitoring and inspection of the construction work implementation	17 July 2023
D2	Monthly reports/or Quarterly reports on the progress of the construction work and implementation of the ESCOP compliance.	10 days after the month or quarter end
D3	Completion report of the work construction/renovation submit to ATC/DOA.	30 September 2023

Other deliverables can be formulated and agreed between contractors and DOA/ATC in the course of the assignment, depending on the Project Needs.

5. Monitoring, Progress Control and Duration of the Assignment

This shall be a part-time assignment with estimated time input 40 person-days to be worked from August to November 2023. The assignment is planned to start in July 2023. The consultant will work at ATC Oudomxay province, contractor and national consultants project, of DOA, and ATC.

The consultant will work under the overall supervision of and report to Director General of DOA, with day-to-day supervision from the designated representative of ATC.

6. Consultant Selection Criteria

To qualify for the assignment, the consultant shall meet the following requirements:

- At least a Bachelor's in engineering (Civil), Architect or equivalent
- At least 7 years of work experience in construction work, engineering, architect and relevant field of work.
- At least 7 years of experience in construction supervisions of civil works structures and experience with ODA Funders (WB and other Funders);
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