



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

**NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR ON THE FORMULATION OF TRUCK TERMINAL AND DRY PORT AUTHORITY
REGULATION FOR SUB-COMPONENT 2.1, REFERENCE NO. ICS-037**

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 Legal Advisor on the Formulation of Truck Terminal and Dry Port Authority Regulation to assist the MPWT in the following activities : (1). Support capability of relevant government officials led by Department of Transport (DoT), Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR to implement the National Logistics Strategy, Land Transport Law, Multimodal Transport Law, and Decree on Dry Port; (2). Provide capacity buildings to DoT officials and relevant ministries involved on truck terminal and consolidation centres management through series of seminars and workshops and etc, This assignment shall be a Lumpsum Contract for a period of 12 months starting from 1 November 2023. the full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website www.mpwt.gov.la, www.ppmf.mof.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 degree in Transport Planning, Law, or Logistics Management or additional degree in economics or business administration is preferential; or relevant disciplines;
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience in similar assignments as a legal consultant or similar positions with major donor funded projects;
- Experienced in activities related to truck terminals and consolidation centres, truck terminals, dry port management etc.
- A similar past assignment within the period of past 5 years is a strong asset.

- Experience in formulating logistics, truck terminal, or transport regulations;
- Knowledge on transport planning, and transport regulatory framework of the Lao PDR;
- Good knowledge of spoken and written English and Good communication skills;
- Good computer literacy in Microsoft office (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint);
- 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 13 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 ID No. P176088; IDA CREDIT No. 7102-LA)

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR ON THE FORMULATION OF TRUCK TERMINAL AND DRY PORT AUTHORITY REGULATION FOR SUB-COMPONENT 2.1, REFERENCE NO. ICS-037

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.

The Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (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: Phongsaly, Luangnamtha, Oudomxay, Xayabouly, and Luangprabang. NR2, 295 km long and a part of ASEAN highway no 13, consists of NR2-West (145 km) connecting with the Thai border at Huai Kone via NR4A and NR2-East (150 km) connecting with the Vietnamese border at Tay Trang, Dien Bien Phu province. As a major road corridor, it crosses the new Lao-China rail corridor in Muang Xai, creating the potential for multimodal transport connectivity for both north-south and east-west routes connecting Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, and China. The development of NR2 provides linkages to Thailand, Vietnam, and China, which can help achieve Lao PDR's aspiration to become a land-linked country. The proposed project will help to attract more investment, boost more cross-border trade, and generate more employment in the surrounding areas.

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

- A. Improved regional and domestic transport connectivity
 1. Travel time along the selected sections of the NR2 corridor
 2. Number of people provided with improved, climate resilient road access
 3. Beneficiaries expressing satisfaction with transport connectivity (percentage)

- B. Improved cross-border trade efficiency
 4. Average cross-border processing time at selected Laos-Vietnam and Laos-Thailand border checkpoints
 5. Time taken for SPS certification in agricultural trade

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2. Objective of the Assignment

The main objectives are to

- Support capability of relevant government officials led by Department of Transport (DoT), Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR to implement the National Logistics Strategy, Land Transport Law, Multimodal Transport Law, and Decree on Dry Port;
- Provide capacity buildings to DoT officials and relevant ministries involved on truck terminal and consolidation centres management through series of seminars and workshops.

3. Scope of Work:

The consultant shall work closely with the Department of Transport, MPWT and an international consultant to ensure smooth and effective coordination as well as the efficiency of all activities. The scope and steps of work are foreseen as followed:

3.1 Support drafting of ministerial regulations related to logistics and dry-ports, which includes:

- Review of existing regulations related to road transport of on consolidation centre, truck terminal, dry port management and dry port authority in Lao PDR;
- Review of regulations regarding truck terminal management of regional and neighbouring countries;
- Review of regulations regarding roles and responsibilities of dry port authority of regional and neighbouring countries;
- Field data collection (where necessary) to support drafting the two regulations;
- Draft of ministerial regulation on truck terminal management in Lao PDR context and in line regional practices of neighbouring countries;
- Draft the roles and responsibilities of the Dry Port Authority in line with other regulations and laws.

The consultant shall attend and present the results and draft regulations in the meetings at DoT office, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Vientiane Capital at least 7 sessions with up to 2-3 days each, and engage regular coordination with DoT on the scope of work.

3.2 Provide capacity buildings and trainings to the working group and relevant parties;

- One Training on truck terminals/consolidation management for national working group;
- One training on the implementation of roles and responsibilities of dry port authority;
- One Training for government officers from DoT and related institutions on new regulations.

The consultant shall prepare training handbooks and conduct trainings in Vientiane Capital in total 3 sessions with up to 1-3 days each and engage in on-line consultation on a regular basis.

3.3 At the end of assignment, consultant shall provide the recommendations for further development for Lao PDR on truck terminal and consolidation management and dry port authority, e.g., raising awareness on the implementation of the regulations. The recommendation shall be included in the final report.

4. Expectation the Results:

The National Legal Advisor on the formulation of Truck Terminals and Dry Port Authority Regulations will be required to deliver the following tasks:

- Draft ministerial regulations on truck terminal management;
- Draft regulation on roles and responsibilities of dry port authorities

- At least 20 governmental officers trained on truck terminal management and dry port authorities;
- Materials/ media for raising awareness & technical guidance for parties involved.

5. Duty Station, Duration of the Assignment and Deliverables

The consultant will work with the assigned officials of Sub-Component 2.1 of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport in Vientiane Capital and report to the Director-General of the DOT, MPWT, or the authorized representative from DOT-MPWT.

The assignment will be under a Lump-sum contract starting from 1 November 2023 and continuing through 31 October 2024. The consultant is expected to deliver all tasks and planned activities with project team and national team to meet the availability of target group.

The consultant shall submit the following reports to project team in the course of the assignment:

- Inception report including activity plan and schedule, after meeting with project team - 2 weeks after commencement;
- Progress Report - by the end of March 2024 or as per requested by DoT;
- Final report - after all activities have been completed.

6. Consultant Selection Criteria and Expertise

The following provision is suggested with regard to the qualifications and skills required. The Consultant should have at a minimum the following criteria:

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