

**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

Ministry of Public Works and Transport

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**LAO ROAD SECTOR PROJET 2 (LRSP2)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**FOR**

**DETAILED DESIGN, PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT**

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The Lao People's Democratic Republic has received support from the World Bank (WB) and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) toward the cost of the Lao Road Sector Project 2 (LRSP2, the Project), and intends to apply part of the Grant financing from NDF for consultant services (the Services).

The Project has been designed as a program to support the strengthening of maintenance systems that will result in improved connectivity. The Project will support institutional development through the preparation of financing and policy frameworks, improved planning and prioritization, and governance systems, and technical capacity for the road sector as a whole in order to maximize the effectiveness of public expenditure and allow for the incremental increase in the length of the provincial roads network in good and fair condition, its climate resiliency and safety. The Project will also finance periodic maintenance and routine maintenance works in six provinces (Phongsaly, Houaphan, Oudomxay, Xiengkhouang, Xayabouly and Bolikhamsay).

The objective of the Services is to provide support to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) and the Departments of Public Works and Transport (DPWTs, which as province offices of the MPWT), of the six provinces to pilot maintenance approaches and contracting modalities to increase the overall climate resilience of the road network. This includes technical support and training of staff in the application of relevant road maintenance planning tools at central and local levels, including data collection and analysis.

The Department of Roads (DOR) of MPWT, as Implementing Agency (IA), now intends to recruit a consultancy firm (the Consultant) at national/central level for Detailed Design, Project Implementation Supervision and Support (DDPIS) for the civil works contracts for spot improvement, periodic and routine maintenance of the provincial and district roads in the six project provinces, and for data collection for the Provincial Road Maintenance Management System (PROMMS). The Consultant will also provide on the job training and other types of capacity building directly related to detailed design and supervision work and use of PROMMS and the Road Management System (RMS) and data collection, at district, provincial and central levels.

The Consultant will be recruited using the quality and cost based selection (QCBS) method with a quality:cost ratio of 80:20 under a full technical proposal following the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" (January 2011, as amended from time to time).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (08.00 - 16.00). Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by or before 16.00 hours (local Lao PDR time) on **6 December 2016**. Electronic Submissions through email are acceptable to the email address below<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> A notification of receipt will be sent to the submitting party within two working days of receipt of the EOI.

The assignment is expected to start in February 2017 and has an estimated overall duration of 60 months.

MPWT now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. There are no eligibility restrictions. The Consultant will be a firm or group of firms with:

1. Considerable experience in road infrastructure maintenance and planning;
2. Experience from climate change resilience planning for road infrastructure;
3. Experience from road infrastructure construction, maintenance, planning and capacity building in developing countries, including procurement in the field of road infrastructure. Experience from Lao PDR will be seen as advantageous.

The Consultant's team is expected to include at least the following key experts:

1. Team leader with significant experience from road infrastructure work in developing countries;
2. Road, pavement and structural engineers with experience from developing countries and climate resilience work, as well as adequate procurement and contract development/management experience;
3. Geotechnical, hydrological, environmental, social and material specialists well suited to carry out the Services.

Submission requirements: In order to determine the capability and experience of consultants seeking to be selected for this assignment, the information submitted should include the following:

1. Company profile, organisation and staffing (max. 4 pages);
2. Details of previous project experience or similar assignments undertaken in the previous five (5) years, including information on contract value, contracting entity/client (including contact information for reference checks), project location/country, duration (mm/yy to mm/yy), expert months provided, main activities, objectives;
3. CVs of key experts who could be available to work on the assignment.

Following this invitation for expressions of interest, a shortlist of qualified firms will be formally invited to submit proposals. Consultant selection and contracting will be subject to availability of funding. The shortlisting criteria are as follows:

1. Firm's previous experience in road infrastructure maintenance and planning - 40%;
2. Firm's previous experience from climate resilience planning and work in road construction and maintenance - 20%;
3. Relevant qualifications of keyexperts (CVs) - 40%.

Approved and signed by:

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