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Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH) Project
Department of Water Supply, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)
IDA Project No.: WSSHP (P-164901)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Consulting Services for Project Implementation Support
for the Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Project

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank towards the cost of the **Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH) Project** and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for hiring the Consulting Services for Project Implementation Support for the Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Project

The consulting services ("the Services") include provision of a team of consultants to provide to provide strategic technical assistance to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic (GoL) in the implementation of the Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Project. The consulting firm will also work closely with the Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Education and Sports. This support will be focused around rural water supply and sanitation and include building capacity of GoL staff in participating ministries, provinces and districts and strengthening systems at all levels in order to sustain the gains beyond the end of the project. The implementation period of the contract is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2020 and will be for 48 months.

The scope of work includes but is not limited to (a) provide strategic project implementation support at the national, provinces and district levels (b) support the operationalization of the project per the identified approach, and (c) build the capacity of staff of project staff of implementing ministries, provinces and districts.

The WSSH Project being implemented by the Department of Water Supply under the Ministry of Public Works and Transport now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria for the firms eligible to apply for the Consulting Services for Project Implementation Support for the Scaling-Up Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Project include the following:

- Be a legal entity acceptable to Lao PDR, independent and able to comply with international standards on business consulting services;
- At least 10 years of general experience implementing management contracts worldwide and specifically in developing countries; experience in ASEAN is an advantage;
- At least 7 years of specific experience in providing similar services in developing countries with experience on similar assignments financed by the World Bank is an asset;
- Proven record on successful completion of at least three (3) assignments related to rural water supply, hygiene and health sector services in specific industries for developing or

- least developed countries; such assignments implemented under the government institutions; and
- Availability of Key Personnel for three (3) internationally experienced experts as Team Leader, Water Quality Expert; and Groundwater Specialist and nine (9) local experts as Deputy Team Leader; Safeguard Specialist; Rural Sanitation Specialist; Communication Specialist; M&E (Data System) Specialist; and Capacity Building Specialist to undertake this 4-year assignment fully based in Lao PDR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, July 1, 2014 (for Guidelines Projects)*, 3.14 to 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations, July 2016 revised November 2017 and August 2018 (for Regulations projects), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 16:00 hours, from Monday to Friday (Standard Lao PDR time).

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 **08 November 2019**.

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