

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)
Lao Road Sector Project 2 - Additional Financing (LRSP2 AF)
IDA Credit No. 6515-LA

National Procurement Consultant to Support DoF; Reference #AF-C3-01

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) of Lao PDR has received financing support from World Bank and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) to implement Lao Road Sector Project 2 (LRSP2) (March 2017-August 2022), which will support MPWT strengthen its capacity at both central and local levels to manage local road improvement and maintenance. The MPWT will be the Executing Agency (EA) for LRSP2. A project management team formed under the Department of Planning and Cooperation (DPC), MPWT will provide overall project coordination and monitoring. The project has included support to strengthen capacity of department concerned in MPWT and provinces. Department of Finance will be responsible for providing procurement support to the concerned departments. Department of Roads (DoR) with support from design and supervision consultant is responsible for managing the road works and road asset management systems development.

Department of Finance (DoF) intends to recruit one individual Procurement Consultant (NPC or Consultant) for assisting MPWT/DoF in strengthening the public procurement function and assisting with implementing procurement activities as per the project procurement plan. The overall objective of the consultancy service is to provide technical support to the DoF in executing planned activities towards implementation of the public procurement regulations including finalizing Standard Procurement Documents (SPDs), reviewing and finalizing draft Procurement. The services of the NPC are initially required for a period of 24 months starting June 2020 on a full-time basis working at MPWT, with possibility of extension over the duration of the project, depending on the need and availability of funds. The NPC will be based in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Contract extensions shall be subject to annual performance evaluation, based on the Key Performance Indicators specified below. Full ToR can be accessed at the MPWT's website: www.mpwt.gov.la.

In order to qualify for this position, the candidates shall meet the following experience and competence requirements:

- Preferably a Master degree in finance, management, business administration, or a related field; a public procurement degree or specialized professional trainings will be an advantage;
- A minimum of 7 years of relevant work experience in public procurement profession, including a minimum of 5 years of procurement experience in the GOL or application of the of public procurement in Lao PDR;
- A past similar assignment of same level and nature in a Government or ODA project is highly desirable; such knowledge and experience of World Bank (WB) procurement procedures is a strong advantage;
- Excellent report writing and good command of both spoken and written English and Lao is required;
- Familiarity with government and foreign aid project operations and excellent analytical and presentation skills;
- High degree of computer literacy, and intermediate to advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Package (Excel, Word, and Power Point) and Internet; knowledge and experience using STEP (WB Projects) or similar software is a strong advantage;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and result orientation combined with a flexible and adaptable attitude, of good teamwork and communication skills.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 edition, under Individual Consultants (IC) selection method. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the said Regulations, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. **In order to apply for the position, the candidates shall request the Application Form from the LRSP2, which can be sent via e-mail or downloaded from MPWT's Website: www.mpwt.gov.la.**

The LRSP2 AF now invites interested applicants to provide information indicating that you are qualified to perform the services (application form, curriculum vitae with expressions of interest and references). Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below or no later than **10 June 2020, 16:00 o'clock** (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only Short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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