

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

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

National Financial Management Consultant to Support DoF; Reference #AF-C2-07

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 a National Financial Management Consultant (NFMC) to assist MPWT/DoF in implementing financial management work for LRSP2, including finalizing policy on provision and management of advances, reviewing and finalizing draft annual work plan and budget plan as well as supporting training activities. The Consultant is also expected to provide technical support and ensuring that all project documents is conducted in accordance with the financial management procedures and financial plan of all financing sources under the LRSP2. The NFMC will support and liaise closely with the Department of Finance and assist financial officers, staffs and/or the focal point in relevant Department within MPWT to successfully implement project activities of the LRSP 2 and other project as requested by MPWT. Specifically, the consultant will be required to (a) assist the MPWT to carry out the financial management of the project funds and consultant services under the LRSP 2 and other projects as requested; (b) assist with capacity building of staff at DoF, PWT and DPWT e.g., hands-on training, formal training, providing oversight, monitoring and supervision of the financial management etc. The consultant is also expected to provide technical assistance and strengthen the capacity of DoF through hands-on training and assist the DoF in the implementation of the activities under the WB's financing projects and liaise closely with the WB's consultants.

The services of the NPC are initially required for a period of 24 months starting May 2021 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 NFMC will be based in Vientiane, Lao PDR. 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:

- At least a bachelor degree in accounting, finance, management, or business administration. A local or an internationally recognized professional qualification e.g. CPA will be an advantage.
- A minimum of 7 years of relevant work experience, including a minimum of 5 years of experience in public financial management or project accounting for Projects financed by major international organization e.g. World Bank or ADB;
- Proven knowledge of Government and foreign aid project operations, and of National Treasury / MOF procedures is required;
- A past similar assignment of same level and nature in a Government or ODA project is highly desirable;
- Excellent report writing and good command of both spoken and written English and Lao is required;
- High degree of computer literacy, and intermediate to advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Package (Excel, Word, and Power Point) and Internet; Knowledge and experience in using accounting 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.

The LRSP2 AF now invites interested applicants to provide information indicating that you are qualified to perform the services (expression of interest, curriculum vitae 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 **09 April 2021, 16:00 o'clock** (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only Short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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