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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND FINANCE

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST
NATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT DOA-MAF
(PP Ref. No. ICS-017, Project ID No. P176088; IDA Credit No. 7102-LA)

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 had received financial 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 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 MAF is seeking a full-time National Financial Management Consultant (NFMC) to provide technical support to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) in implementing financial management including in drafting the Financial Management Manual/Guideline, management of advance and finalizing draft of Annual work plan and budget plan as well as support training activities.

The services of NFMC is initially required for a period of 12 months starting 01 November 2022 on a full-time basis working at DOA-MAF, with possibility of extension depending on the Project needs and availability of funds. The NFMC will be based in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Contract extensions shall be subject to annual performance evaluation

The SEARECC Project Procurement Committee now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. 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 Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, management, business administration, or a related field; A local or an internationally recognized professional qualification will be a plus (e.g. Lao CPA, ACCA or other internationally recognized professional qualification)
- A minimum of 7 years of relevant work experience, including a minimum of 3 years of experience in public financial management or project accounting for Projects financed by major international financiers e.g. World Bank or ADB;
- Proven knowledge of government and foreign aid project operations and of national Treasury MOF payment 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. Able to communicate via email and other electronic means in English;
- 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;
- Able and willing to travel to provinces when required

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 28 October 2022, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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