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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)
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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 have received financing 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 4th quarter of year 2022.

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.

Lao PDR's SEARECC Project is seeking an experienced national consultant to assist DIMEX (MOIC), Customs Department (MOF) and Department of Immigration (MOPS) in implementing the sub-Component 2.3 (Strengthening capacity of Immigration, Customs and Quarantine (ICQ) and border management) that includes but not limited to prepare annual and quarterly plans, preparation of technical specifications of procurement packages, monitoring and reporting and managing the tasks of the other consultants, management of international consultants and liaison with project implementation unit, provinces and the World Bank task team as described in the Terms of Reference (ToR). The full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website www.mpwt.gov.la or can be sent to candidates upon written request to the e-mail address below.

This assignment is intended as a full-time and time-based contract with an individual Consultant up to 24 months with possibility of renewal based on satisfactory performance review and Project requirements., this assignment expected to be start between January 2023 to December 2024. The duty station is initially at DIMEX-MOIC Office, Vientiane, Lao PDR, with periodic travelling to provinces.

The Project Procurement Committee of SEARECC Project 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:

1. The candidate should have a minimum qualification of a master's degree in one of the following field of studies: economics, international trade, customs administration or public administration management and other related field of studies.
2. Minimum 5 years of experience in managing trade-related technical assistance projects or economic sector development projects.
3. Familiarized experience with Lao government institutions and administrative system will be an asset.
4. Good understanding of trade facilitation and customs issues in Lao PDR will be an advantage.
5. Experience in project management including monitoring and evaluation.
6. Proven good coordination, reporting and communication skills in Lao and English
7. Computer literate, complete knowledge of the MS Office and MS Project.
8. Willingness to travel to project provinces as needed.

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 13 January 2023, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Yours sincerely,



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