

## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO SUPPORT ROAD SAFETY

(PP Ref. No. ICS-057, 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, The SEARECC Project 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 SEARECC Project is seeking a full-time National Project Implementation and Operational Support Consultant to Support Road Safety will support the Department of Transport (DOT), MPWT in the following activities: (a) facilitate effective subcomponent's target implementation and outputs delivery; (b) facilitate the provision of technical, capacity building and subcomponent administrative services, ensure close coordination and partnership with other project subcomponents, National and Local Authorities, and stakeholders relates to the Road Safety Implementation measures in the country; and (c) to work closely with other International Organizations and consultant's and represent MPWT at meetings as required.

The services of National Project Implementation and Operational Support Consultant is initially required for a period of 24 months starting January 2024 on a full-time basis working at DOT (MPWT), with possibility of extension depending on the Project needs and availability of funds. The Consultant will be based in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Contract extensions shall be subject to annual performance evaluation. There will be a probation period of 6 months at the beginning of the assignment. The full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website <a href="https://www.mpwt.gov.la">www.mpwt.gov.la</a> or can be sent to candidates upon written request to the e-mail address below.

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:

- Master's degree in development studies, business management, business administration, international relations, social sciences, or other relevant disciplines; education in road and transport sector, or an allied discipline will be an advantage.
- Having at least five (5) years of experience in the management and implementation of developments

projects; such as experience in projects financed by Government(s) in developing countries and/or by IFIs, also related to SEARECC components is an advantage.

Having data gathering and analysis experience.

Having excellent written and verbal English communication skills; Lao language proficiency is mandatory.

 Be proficient in using the Microsoft Office Suite; working knowledge of any specific software relevant to the assignment is an advantage.

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" 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25 December 2023, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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