



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND FINANCE

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)**  
**For National Senior Environmental and Social Standards Consultant, Ref. No. ICS-060**  
**( Project ID No. P176088; IDA Credit No. 7102-LA )**

The Government of Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (GoL) has applied for 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 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 Department of Planning and Finance (DPF) now intends to engage a full-time suitably qualified and experienced as National Senior Environmental and Social Standards Consultant for the Public Works and Transport Institute (PTI) to undertake the tasks described in the Terms of Reference (ToR). The full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website [www.mpwt.gov.la](http://www.mpwt.gov.la) and [www.ppmf.mof.gov.la](http://www.ppmf.mof.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. In total, this consultancy will involve approximately 12 months on a full-time basis from March 2024 to March 2025.

The DPF 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. A Master degree in environmental sciences, environmental engineering, social sciences, social development, road and transport engineering, community or rural development or related field of expertise.
2. A minimum of 10 years' experience in environmental and social impact assessment and resettlement action plans under infrastructure projects.
3. At least 1 similar assignment working on or completed within the past 3 years.
4. Having experience and knowledge on World Bank's ESF (ideal), or safeguards requirements of other international agencies, and GOL environment and social safeguard requirements especially those

related to Resettlement and Compensation Decree, ESIA/IEE legislations, and other concerned regulations on environmental and social safeguards related to water infrastructure will be highly desired.

5. Experience in working with government agencies to support and develop their institutional capacity would be an advantage.
6. Good spoken and written English with ability to prepare report in English language, and computer literacy (Microsoft Office and Excel) will be necessary.
7. Willingness and ability to travel to project site frequently.

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 27 February 2024, 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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