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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST
National Transport and Trade Facilitation Consultant for Sub-Component 2.1 & 2.2
(Ref. No. ICS-062, Project ID No. P176088; IDA Credit No. 7102-LA)

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT); the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF); the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC); the Ministry of Public Security (MOPS); the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Lao PDR have received financial support from the International Development Association (IDA), a member of the World Bank Group, (WB) to implement the Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEARECC) project with a duration of six (6) years, starting from the 4th quarter of year 2022.

SEARECC aims to improve the domestic and regional transport connectivity and logistics facilities, with associated policy reforms for increasing economic activities along selected transport corridors in Northern Lao PDR. MPWT seeks a full-time the National Transport and Trade Facilitation Consultant to be based in the Department of Transport (DOT), MPWT to provide support on the implementation of the roles and responsibilities of the National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee (NTTFC), National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee Secretariat (NTTFCS) and National Transport Facilitation Working Group (NTFW2), in particular the transport tasks. The Consultant will also improve communication between MPWT, MOIC, and relevant stakeholders to ensure the transport-related issues will be resolved in a timely manner.

The total estimated input for this assignment is full-time (time-based) for 24 months with possibility of renewal based on satisfactory performance review and Project requirements. This assignment is expected to be start between June 2024 to May 2026.

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:

- A master's degree in economics, transport, logistics, international trade, customs or other relevant fields;
- At least 5 years of experience in providing similar services or at similar positions with diverse projects financed/supported by International Financing Institutes & Development Partners.
- A past similar position for a government / IFI funded project is a strong advantage.
- Ability to facilitate communications between various levels of management and different stakeholders.
- Excellent report writing skills.
- Comprehensive computer skills (at a minimum, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).
- Experience in working with public administration.
- Fluently in English.
- Professional Lao language, reporting and presentation skills are essential.

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 May 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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