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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)
Implementation Support and Work Supervision Services for OPBRC
(Consulting Service - Firms Selection, Ref. No. FS-001)

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. 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: Phongsaly, Oudomxay, Luangnamtha, Luangprabang, and Xayaboury. NR2, 295 km long and a part of ASEAN highway No. 13.

Sub-Component 1.1 - NR2W climate resilient improvement and maintenance supports the improvement and maintenance of the climate resilience and safety of selected sections of NR2W to meet the Asian Highway Class III standards. This includes widening of the road from 6 meters to 8 meters (6 meters of the carriageway and 2 meters of shoulders-one meter each side to accommodate pedestrian safety) and rest areas. The Output and Performance-Based Road Contracts (OPBRC), with 3 years for construction and 7 years for operations and maintenance will be used. The Department of Roads (DOR) of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) will be the lead implementing agency for this sub-component.

This REOI is issued for Implementation Support and Work Supervision Services under the Output and Performance-Based Road Contracts implemented by the NR2 Project component. The objective of the Assignment is to support the Employer in overall implementation and supervision of the project. The services include but are not limited to: (a) review and recommendations on the approval of the detailed designs prepared by the Contractors under OPBRC; (b) monitoring compliance with requirement of technical and performance specifications of the works (rehabilitation phase) on the NR2 Project Road; (c) supervision of the construction of the cross-border facilities; (d) monitoring compliance with performance indicators during the O&M period for the first year of the maintenance phase of the OPBRC; (e) advising the Employer on all facets of project implementation; (f) review and recommend approval of the Contractor's Site-Specific Environment and Social Management Plans (SS-ESMPs) for each contract and location, as well as the site specific traffic safety management plan; (g) engage external services from a certified laboratory for environmental instrumental monitoring of air quality, noise and water quality, if and when required. The Services shall be carried out in compliance with best international practices.

The Consultant is expected to start the assignment in parallel with the first OPBRC Contractor, which is planned for August 2023. The assignment covers Rehabilitation works and the initial Operation & Maintenance phases of the OPBRC, for an estimated total 48-months period. Total budget for the services is estimated at USD 4.500.000. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website : www.mpwt.gov.la or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Department of Roads (DOR) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Consultant is expected to be a firm or an association of consulting firms with the appropriate capabilities and experience to execute the services. Due to current COVID restrictions, it is essential

for the Consultants to mobilize the required staff, including in Lao PDR. For this purpose, the Consultants are required to demonstrate availability of qualified international and national staff to carry out the assignment in Lao PDR. Consultants are strongly encouraged to create JVs or sub-consultancy arrangements in this context. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

The shortlisting criteria are:

Criterion 1 - Supervision of road works and road maintenance (35%): At least ten (10) years of experience in Works Supervision of national road improvement or rehabilitation contracts of equivalent or comparable value, scope of nature and at least five (5) years in Supervision of road maintenance; such experience in South/ South East Asia is a strong asset;

Criterion 2 – Specific Experience (40%): At least 3 supervision contracts or equivalent or comparable value, scope and nature under OPBRC, OPRC, DBMOT or similar arrangement with PBC Maintenance, successfully completed in the capacity of prime contractor (i.e. individually or as lead member of JV) in the past 10 years

Criterion 3: - Survey and planning in road works and services (25%): Minimum 3 contracts of similar scope and nature performed in the past 10 years including implementation and/or monitoring of RAP, ESIA, ESMP for road construction, rehabilitation or maintenance.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) shall be submitted in English. Consultants are required to submit a maximum of 20 most relevant past contract references for examination. Should the Consultants include more than 20 past references, Client shall examine and score only the first twenty listed references. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Regulations - Procurement in Investment Project Financing - Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2020 edition), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A consulting firm will be selected under the method of Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) in accordance with the said WB Procurement Regulations set out in the Procurement Regulations. A shortlist of firms will be established based on the submitted expressions of interest and in line with the criteria as outlined above. A shortlist of five to eight best qualified firms/associations shall be selected for the next phase of evaluation, based on the scores obtained. Shortlisted Consultants will be invited to submit full technical and finance proposal.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8.00 to 16.00, Monday to Friday. Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below by 17 .00 (Local time of Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, GMT+ 7) of 25 August 2022 as the deadline for the submission (electronic submission is acceptable).

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