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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Implementation Support and Works Supervision for Local Roads Improvements
(Consulting Service - Firms Selection, Ref. No. FS-002)

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 1.2 - Local Road climate resilient improvement and maintenance supports the improvement and maintenance of climate resilience and safety of selected local roads in Phongsaly, Oudomxay, Luang Namtha, Xayabouly, and Luangprabang. The performance-based contract (PBC) approach will be used for maintenance. The Department of Road (DOR) and the provincial Department of Public Works and Transport (DPWT) will be the lead implementing agency for this sub-component. The Department of Road (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 DOR, DPWTs, and PTRI 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 PBC for year 1 and prepare the design of local road for year 2; (b) supervision services for the rehabilitation of the local roads under PBC; (c) monitoring compliance with performance indicators during the O&M period for the first year of the maintenance phase of the PBC contracts; (d) advising the Employer on all facets of project implementation; (e) review and recommend approval of the Contractor's Site-Specific Environment and Social Management Plans (SS-ESMPs), including traffic management plan, for each contract and location, as well as the site specific traffic management plans; (f) monitor the Contractor's compliance with the project environment and social requirements, in line with the WB ESF; (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 PBC Contractor, which is planned for December 2022. The assignment covers rehabilitation works and the initial operation & maintenance phases of the PBC, for an estimated total 48-months period. Total budget for the services is estimated at USD 2.500.000. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The 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 road improvement or rehabilitation 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%): Minimum 2 contracts carried out in the past 10 years that included similar implementation support and/or supervision of similar works of a value of at least USD Two (2.0) million, preferably on local roads; and under PBC maintenance, or similar arrangement, successfully completed in the capacity of Lead Consultant (i.e. individually or as lead member of Joint Venture);

Criterion 3: - Survey and planning in road works and services (25%): Minimum 2 contracts of similar scope and nature performed in the past 10 years with for implementation and monitoring of RAP, ESIA, ESMP for local road construction, rehabilitation and 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, which can be found at the following website: <https://www.eib.Org/en/publications/guide-to-procurement.htm>. 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 15 August 2022 as the deadline for the submission (electronic submission is acceptable).

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