LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Ministry of Public Works and Transport
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LAO ROAD SECTOR PROJECT 2 ("LRSP 2") CREDIT No.: 5920-LA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PLANNING FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT (C2-03)

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) of Lao PDR has received financing support from World Bank and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) to implement Lao Road Sector Project 2 (LRSP2) (March 2017-February 2022), which will support MPWT strengthen its capacity at both central and local levels to manage local road improvement and maintenance. The WB has approved a credit of approximately USD 25 million, and NDF a grant for a Technical Assistance (TA) program amounting to EUR 5 million and a loan not exceeding EUR 6 million to finance the LRSP2. In addition, the Road Maintenance Funds (RMF) will contribute approximately USD 7 million, and the 6 participating provinces also will contribute around USD 3 million to the Project. The European Investment Bank (EIB) has also expressed interest to provide financing support to the implementation of the road local road development program designed under LRSP2.

MPWT intends to recruit three individual consultants (Transport Sector Policy Adviser, Planning Framework Development Consultant and Planning Analyst) at central level who will assist MPWT, Department of Planning and Cooperation (DPC) to carry out its policy development and planning and monitoring responsibilities realistically, efficiently and effectively. This assignment is for an individual consultant, **Planning Framework Development Consultant** (the Consultant) for assisting DPC in planning framework and standard operating guideline development under the guidance from the Transport Sector Policy Adviser and with the assistance of the Planning Analyst.

Qualified consultant will be recruited for 12 person-months for the aforementioned services and to assist the Planning Division (PD)/DPC of MPWT. The consultant will report to DPC and duty station for the consultant is DPC office in Vientiane. The services will be started in December 2017.

The minimum qualifications requirements are:

- At least Master Degree in one of following areas of academic qualification: in economics, business administration, social sciences, strategy and policy or other relevant discipline;
- Understanding of Lao government system, rules and regulations including planning is preferable;
- Minimum 7 years of relevant working experience in developing countries;
- Excellent coordination, communication and networking skills;
- Excellent computer skills, including full working knowledge of standard Microsoft office packages, etc.; and,

• Excellent in English (writing, reading, speaking and listening).

The successful Consultant will be selected in accordance with the provisions of Section II, under the World Bank's <u>Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, dated</u> January 2011 and revised in July 2014.

Interested consultant may obtain further information and ToR at the address below during office hours 08.00 - 16.00 hours; also the ToR can be downloaded from the MPWT's website: www.mpwt.gov.la.

Expression of interest including CV with description of similar assignment must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by email) by 16.00 hours of 3 November 2017.

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