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 TECHNICAL AUDITOR (C3-03)

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 individual consultant to carry out (i) technical audits of civil works financed under LRSP II, (ii) verification of Disbursement Linked Indicator (DLI), conduct procurement review of sample contracts, review safeguard compliant, review traffic safety aspect of the road improvement and maintenance.

Qualified consultant will be recruited for 20 person-months for the aforementioned services spread over the period from 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2022. The consultant will report to the Department of Inspection (DoI) and Department of Road (DoR). The services will be started in June 2018.

At a minimum, the consultant should have the following qualifications and experience:

- At least Bachelor degree in civil engineering or related field, master or higher degree are highly desirable.
- At least 20 years of experience on the road sector industry and 10 year of experience on institutional strengthening.
- At least 10 years of experience on road construction and maintenance planning, design, implementation and monitoring, preparation of bidding documents and supervision of contracts.
- At least 10 years of experience on handling procurement including procurement of road works is an advantage.
- Fluency in spoken and written in English.
- Regional relevant experience.

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</u> by World Bank Borrowers, dated 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 23 April 2018.

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