

**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
 Ministry of Public Works and Transport  
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*Country:	LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
Funding source:	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
*Sector:	Transport
*Project name:	Lao PDR National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project
Procurement type:	Consulting Services
*Title:	Support for the Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Ethnic Group Engagement Plan (EGEP) for National Road 13
Loan number	
Contract/Bid No.:	SF-RAP EGEP
*Deadline:	May 23, 2018

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Consulting Firms)**  
**For the Support for the Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)**  
**and Ethnic Group Engagement Plan (EGEP) for National Road 13**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the World Bank (WB), and Nordic Development Fund (NDF) intend to jointly co-finance the Lao National Road 13 Improvement and Maintenance Project. The project is expected to start in 2018 and complete in May 2023. It will support improvement works, and maintenance and operation of a 58-km critical section of the National Road 13 (NR13) - the most important transport corridor of Lao PDR in terms of both domestic and regional connectivity.

The Project Objective is to improve road condition, safety and climate resilience on critical sections of the NR 13 through innovative contracting model. The project has three main components which comprise of Component 1 Road Improvement and Maintenance, Component 2 Technical Assistance and Supervision and Component 3 Project Management. Component 1 includes 2 sub-components which are Sub-Component 1.1 Road Improvement and Maintenance and Sub-Component 1.2 Land Acquisition.

With the support of AIIB's Special Fund, a qualified consulting firm is required to support the preparation of Sub-Component 1.2 of the Project in connection with land acquisition and implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan as its successful completion will be a requirement for the commencement of civil works.

The objective of the assignment is to provide technical and management support to the Project management Unit, Environmental and Social Division/Public Works and Transport Institute (PMU, ESD/PTRI) and Project Resettlement Committees (PRCs) to: (i) Implement the RAP and EGEP and handover the construction sites in a timely manner; and (ii) Ensure full compliance with both the co-financiers' Safeguards Policies (i.e. the World Bank's Safeguards Policies as the lead co-financier) and the Government of Lao (GoL) policies.

The assignment period is estimated to be 12 months from the date of the signature of the consultancy contract under an output-based lumpsum payment. The assignment is expected to be mobilized by **August 2018**.

The Department of Roads (DoR) now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interests in providing the services. Interested Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (*brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.*). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Clause 13.3 (e) Consultant's Qualifications Based Selection of the AIB's Interim Operational Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (June 2, 2016) ([www.aiib.org](http://www.aiib.org)).

Interested Firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 16:00 hrs, Monday to Friday. Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below by 16:00 hours (Local time of Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, GMT+7) of **May 23, 2018**. (**Electronic submission is acceptable**).

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