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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)

FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR OVERLOADING CONTROL STUDY AND ACTION PLAN
(CONSULTANT FIRM SELECTION - REF. NO. AF-C2-20)

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) has received financing support from the World Bank (WB) and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) to implement the Lao Road Sector Project 2 (LRSP2) (being implemented from March 2017 to December 2025), which is supporting MPWT to strengthen its capacity at both central and local levels to manage local road improvement and maintenance. The European Investment Bank (EIB) has also expressed interest to provide further financing support to the implementation of the road local road development program designed under LRSP2.

The Project Development Objective ("PDO") of LRSP2 is to strengthen maintenance systems to improve reliable road connectivity in Lao PDR, and to provide immediate and effective response in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency. LRSP2 consists of four components: (1) Climate Resilient Road Maintenance, (2) Institutional Strengthening, (3) Project Management Support, and (4) Emergency Response. Sub-component 2.1 includes : (a) strengthen the capacity to update and operationalize MPWT's national sector strategy and action plan; (b) strengthen the capacity to improve transport sector policy and financing frameworks; and (c) strengthen the capacity for strategic management at both MPWT and DPWT.

According to the Lao road law, MPWT is responsible for administration of the national road network and setting sector policies, regulations and standards of entire road network. The local road network is managed by provincial road authorities. The provincial authorities, with their limited of the facilities, have difficulties in managing overload control. There have been many efforts to control overloading of vehicles, but those have not been successful. A recent study supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) recommended various institutional and regulation updates, equipment replacement for weight stations, axel load surveys and relevant data collection. From the sector perspective, understanding overloading issues is very important to proper management and reduce impact on road maintenance requirement. Transparency and effectiveness management regimes are needed to reform required with modern technologies with clear action plan. The government intends to engage a consulting firm to carry out the overloading control study and prepare an action plan. More details on the assignment are provided in the Terms of Reference (TOR), which can be obtained at the address given below.

The Department of Roads (DOR-MPWT) now invites eligible audit firms to indicate their interest in providing the Consulting Services for Overloading Control Study and Action Plan. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Shortlisting criteria are:

- Be a legal entity acceptable to Department of Roads;
- At least ten years of relevant experience implementing road transport development projects; experience in the region is an advantage;
- At least ten years of experience in providing similar services in developing countries, under road improvement projects;
- Proven record on successful completion of at least two similar assignments.

Staff teams and CVs shall 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.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. 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.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method 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.

Further information can be found at the following website: www.mpwt.gov.la or 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 before 17.00 (Local time of Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, GMT+7) of 09 December 2022 (electronic submission is acceptable)

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