

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Ministry of Planning and Investment Lao Statistics Bureau LAOSTAT-II Project

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)

National Consultant for International Investment Position (IIP)
Enterprise Online Survey Platform Development
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As a leading agency of the Lao PDR National Statistics System (NSS), the Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB) is implementing a project titled "Lao PDR Strengthening the National Statistical Project (LAOSTAT II)" from 2023 to 2028. The Government of Lao PDR (GoL) has received a loan from the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) to improve the capacity of the Lao PDR NSS to produce and disseminate high-quality statistics in a timely manner, to enhance the use of key statistics, and in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, respond promptly and effectively to it. The project focuses on four components, namely (i) Improving the availability and quality of official statistics, (ii) Enhancing the use of statistics in the GoL, (iii) Strengthening institutional capacity and project management, and (iv) Contingent Emergency Response.

Under Component 1, The Monetary Policy Department, Bank of Lao PDR (BOL) is currently working on the production of key economic statistics as well as monetary and financial statistics, and external sector statistics including balance of payments and international investment position. To carry out the project activities effectively and efficiently and to ensure that the expected results of the project are achieved, the Monetary Policy Department, BOL is seeking a National Consultant to assess the requirements gathering process for developing the IIP enterprise online survey platform ensuring the system requirements are complete, well-documented, and aligned with the BOL's needs. The assessment will cover business requirements and technical design analysis to guarantee the system's effectiveness, compliance with regulatory standards, and suitability for supporting survey-related activities at the BOL.

The Consultant will work in collaboration with a BOL IT team. The total estimated inputs for this assignment are 60–66 working days over the three-month period under lump-sum contract type. The TOR for this position can be sent to candidates upon request to the email address below.

The LAOSTAT-II Project now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultant should provide information (CV, Expression of Interest, other supporting information, if any) demonstrating that s/he has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. In order to qualify for this position, the candidates shall meet the following experience and competence requirements:

- Advanced degree in computer/communication engineering, information technology, computer sciences, management and information system / data science or other closely related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in ICT consulting with a strong emphasis on requirements gathering, business analysis, and technical documentation in regulated industries.

- Proficiency in evaluating system architectures, understanding scalability, security protocols, and data management requirements.
- Strong problem-solving skills, particularly in aligning business and technical requirements while ensuring security and regulatory compliance.
- Excellent communication skills (Lao/English proficiency), with the ability to present technical information clearly to non-technical stakeholders.
- Knowledge of any computer languages and technologies (e.g frameworks, CMS, Linux, Apache, UI/UX design) used in web-based application development including databases (e.g MySQL, Oracle).
- Knowledge of applications hosting architecture on premise, cloud, and hybrid.
- Knowledge of server and network infrastructure management such as server virtualization, private network connection design among agencies; application, and network security.
- Experience in developing actionable recommendations and solutions for aligning business and technical requirements, addressing data security, and meeting regulatory needs.
- Experience in developing and delivering briefings to technical and non-technical audiences.
- Experience in the preparation and analysis of specifications for equipment selection and/or architecture implementation.
- Experience in accounting or finance role, or experience with survey system is an advantage;
- Experience with financial sector projects or experience with financial management system;
- Require security certification;
- Experience data backup and disaster recovery expectation;
- Performance metrics and SLAs.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 14 April 2025, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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