

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (RE-ADVERTISE)

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STANDARDS CONSULTANT

REFERENCE NO. CRRCIP-IC-09

The Government of Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (GoL) has received financing support from the World Bank's (WB) International Development Association (IDA) to implement the Lao PDR Climate Resilient Road Connectivity Improvement Project (CRRCIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The proposed of Climate Resilient Road Connectivity Improvement Project (CRRCIP) seeks to build about 300 km of District Roads and Rural Roads in the poor districts of Khammouan, Savannakhet, and Saravan provinces. The MPWT in consultation with the DPWT of these three provinces had identified a long list of proposed roads. About 100 km of roads in each of the provinces will be selected from the roads in this longlist through a prioritization exercise based on aspects which include: (i) passing through a poor district – based on poverty headcount, (ii) criticality of the link for climate resiliency of the network, (iii) connectivity to agricultural areas, (iv) population served by the road, (v) traffic level, (vi) not passing through environmentally sensitive areas, and (vii) no resettlement of more than 200 people (or 40 households) and/or more than 40 households severely affected with 10 percent of productive assets owned by individual household lost in all three target provinces. The proposed project provides connectivity to National Roads and access to the east-west economic corridor between Vietnam and Thailand thus increasing market linkages and contributing towards greater economic gains to the local communities.

The CRRCIP now intends to engage a part-time, suitably qualified, and experienced Senior Environmental and Social Standards Consultant for the Environmental Research and Disaster Prevention Division of the Public Works and Transport Institute, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, to undertake tasks under Components 1 and 3 as described in the Terms of Reference (ToR). The full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://ppmd.mof.gov.la/opportunities/com> or can be provided to interested candidates upon written request to the email address below.

The CRRCIP 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 :

- A Master degree in environmental sciences, environmental engineering, social sciences, social development, road and transport engineering, community or rural development or related field of expertise.
- A minimum of 10 years' experience in environmental and social impact assessment and resettlement action plans under infrastructure projects.
- At least 2 similar assignments working on or completed within the past 3 years.
- Having experience and knowledge on World Bank's ESF (ideal), or safeguards requirements of other international agencies, and GOL environment and social safeguard requirements especially those related to Resettlement and Compensation Decree, ESIA/IEE legislations, and other concerned regulations on environmental and social safeguards related to water infrastructure will be highly desired.
- Experience in working with government agencies to support and develop their institutional capacity would be an advantage.
- Good spoken and written English with ability to prepare report in English language, and computer literacy (Microsoft Office and Excel) will be necessary.
- Willingness and ability to travel to project site frequently.

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" 4th edition of November 2020 ("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 e-mail) on or before 31 July 2025, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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