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Ministry of Finance
International Finance and Cooperation Department
Reducing Rural Poverty and Malnutrition Project II, Component 4

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

National Financial Officer

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The Government of Lao PDR (GOL) is implementing the Reducing Rural Poverty and Malnutrition Project II (RRPMP II) (P178883) from 2024 to 2029 with financing from the World Bank (WB). The RRPMP II will implement a nutrition-sensitive social protection program or a Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program to address issues of poverty and malnutrition and develop and implement mechanism to ensure multi-sectoral coordination, planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the nutrition convergence approach: the Reducing Rural Poverty and Malnutrition Project II includes five components:

Component 1: strengthening social protection building blocks.

Component 2: supporting the implementation of the nutrition-sensitive conditional cash transfer program.

Component 3: implementation management support and institutional strengthening.

Component 4: enhancing the nutrition convergence oversight and coordination

Component 5: contingent emergency response. Each component has specific objectives and activities aimed at improving the delivery of essential services to the target population.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) for the RRPMP II is the Department of Rural Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment in Vientiane Capital, which has overall responsibility for operational aspects of the project at the national and sub-national level including contract administration, financial management, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation, as well as overseeing implementation.

The RRPMP II, Component 4 intends to engage a full-time National Financial Officer will provide overarching support to the financial management of the RRPMP II, component 4. The FM Officer will work with the International Finance and Cooperation Department (IFCD) and Economic and Fiscal Policy Department (EFPD), MOF and will report to the Program Director, Head of Program Coordination and World Bank.

The RRPMP II, Component 4 now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidate should provide information (CV, Expression of Interest, other supporting information, if any) demonstrating that she/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:

- At least a bachelor's degree in accountancy or finance;
- Local or international recognized professional qualification will be an advantage;
- At least five years of professional experience in accounting and finance;
- At least three years of experience in development project accounting and finances of major development partners (such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other major development partners);
- Knowledge in government financial management system will be an advantage;
- Knowledge and experience in using computerized accounting software and Microsoft products;
- Fluent in English and Lao, with strong report-writing and oral presentation ability;
- Capability to work successfully in a multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural environment with a large, diverse team; and
- Willingness and capacity to perform fieldwork, and in-country travel when required.
- Computer literate (Microsoft Office and Excel)

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 mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 28 July 2025, 16:00 o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

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