

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)
NATIONAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
(DOA), MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (MAE),
REFERENCE No. DOA – ICS – 092

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT); Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE); Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC); Ministry of Public Security (MOPS); Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Lao PDR had received financial support from the World Bank's (WB) International Development Association (IDA) to implement the Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEARECC) with a project duration of six (6) years starting from middle of year 2022.

The Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEARECC) seeks to improve the domestic and regional transport connectivity and logistics facilities, with associated policy reforms for increased economic activities along selected transport corridors in Northern Lao PDR. The project scope includes improvement of transport connectivity and logistics services in Lao PDR, trade facilitation, border crossing control management, and agriculture trade along the NR2 corridor and five provinces in the corridor catchment area: Phongsaly, Oudomxay, Luangnamtha, Luangprabang, and Xayaboury. NR2, 295 km long and a part of ASEAN highway no 13, consists of NR2-West (145 km) connecting with the Thai border at Huai Kone via NR4A and NR2-East (150 km) connecting with the Vietnamese border at Tay Trang, Dien Bien Phu province. As a major road corridor, it crosses the new Lao-China rail corridor in Muang Xai, creating the potential for multimodal transport connectivity for both north-south and east-west routes connecting Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, and China. The development of NR2 provides linkages to Thailand, Vietnam, and China, which can help achieve Lao PDR's aspiration to become a land-linked country. The proposed project will help to attract more investment, boost more cross-border trade, and generate more employment in the surrounding areas.

The Department Planning and Finance, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) now intends to engage a qualified and experienced National Laboratory Management Consultant to Support the International Consultant for ATC - Agri Tech Center (ATC) in Oudomxay Province and Plant Protection Center (PPC), Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental (MAE) to undertake the tasks under Component 3 as described in the Terms of Reference (ToR). The full ToR for the assignment can be found at the following website <http://ppmd.mof.gov.la> or can be sent to candidates upon written request to the e-mail address below.

This is a part time assignment with an estimated input of 176 person days deliverables spread over a 20 months period. The assignment is planned to start in July 2026.

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:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Microbiology, Food Science, Environmental Science, Laboratory Science, or another closely related discipline relevant to laboratory operations and testing services.
- At least 5 years of progressively relevant professional experience supporting laboratory operations, quality management system, technical documentation, or testing services, preferably in plant protection, food, agricultural, environmental or public sector laboratories.
- Practical familiarity with laboratory ISO/IEC 17025 principles, Good Laboratory Practices, laboratory SOP implementation, recordkeeping, quality control documentation, or public sector laboratories, and traceability awareness.

- Demonstrated experience preparing, translating, formatting, and managing technical documents, and controlled records, including SOPs, forms, logs, templates, meeting records, training materials, and evidence files.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with laboratory staff and technical advisers in a coaching and coordination role, including organizing site activities, following up agreed actions, and supporting training or capacity-building activities.
- Strong written and spoken Lao language, and working proficiency in English sufficient for technical translation and coordination with the International Consultant and project counterparts.
- Strong computer skills, including MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint for documentation and training
- Willingness to travel and work on site at ATC Oudomxay and PPC Vientiane as required by assignment.

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 e-mail) by **18 June 2026, 17:00** o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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