

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (REOI)
NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT SC3.2
REFERENCE No. DOT – ICS - 086

The Government of Lao PDR is committed to addressing the issue of road safety: its vision in the draft National Road Safety Strategy is to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on Lao roads. A 2030 target has been set for a 50% reduction in fatalities and serious injuries.

To support this goal, the World Bank and the Government of Laos are preparing the Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEARECC). This project is designed to address gaps in the safety, operation, and management of this important international route through (i) the improvement of NR2, border crossing facilities (with Thailand and Vietnam), and improvement of the local roads[1] connecting to the NR2 corridor with climate resilient and road safety standards to ensure the efficiency and sustainability of the infrastructure, (ii) through logistics services development and cross-border management, and (iii) by strengthening institutional capacity[2] and regulatory framework in agriculture, transport, and investment planning. Lao PDR Government is also implementing the National Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan. The implementation requires collaboration between different stakeholders, including local authorities such as the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC), Provincial Road Safety Committee (PRSC), and District Road Safety Committee (DRSC), and international organizations and consultants.

Currently, the project is being implemented in collaboration with international experts, national consultants, and directly involved stakeholders to execute and disseminate the road safety plan in Vientiane Capital and five northern provinces. The project has been carried out according to the regular activity plan and has achieved several key milestones:

(1) Development of road safety audit documents and its detailed design procedures; (2) Provision of ambulances to the Lao Red Cross, along with the completion of basic first aid training; (3) Delivery of 4 vehicles to the Ministry of Public Security for use in law enforcement inspections and (4) Completion of a draft road safety curriculum and training of teachers to pilot the manual for the Ministry of Education and Sports. The curriculum is planned for use in lower secondary education across 15 schools in the five northern provinces.

In addition, the project has completed the development of the Driver system and provided training to traffic police officers in nine districts of Vientiane Capital.

Despite progress, the Lao PDR continues to face high rates of road crash fatalities.

Over 60% of road crashes involve motorcycles, and 40% of those involve drunk driving. Many riders lack licenses. This underscores the need for a systemic approach rather than isolated interventions.

Recent assessments identified gaps in education, enforcement, emergency response, blackspot treatment, and data management.

In this context, Lao PDR, introduced around 2018 the Safe System approach, which targets a 50% reduction in fatalities by 2030. Core components of a Safe System, are Safe Roads, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles, Safe Road Users, and Post-Crash Care.

This consultancy aims to provide practical, action-oriented support to address identified gap & implement further the safe systems approach, in collaboration with the Department of Transport (DOT), Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), Ministry of Public Security (Police), and Ministry of Health (Emergency Services).

The Department Planning and Finance, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) now intends to engage a qualified and experienced National Road Safety Consultant to support Sub component 3.2, Department of Transport (DOT), (MPWT) to undertake the tasks under Component 3.2 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 full-time assignment with a contract period of 12-month with possible extension subject to performance and project needs. The contract is planned to start in August 2026, and it may get reviewed based on project needs, funding available and consultant's performance evaluation. A probational period of 3 months may apply.


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 Bachelor's in transport planning & management, infrastructure engineering, road engineering and/or relevant to the assignment;
- Professional membership in chartered organizations related to the roads/transport sector is an advantage;
- At least 7 years of relevant work experience in road safety engineering, road safety activities, safety at road works, and in offering road safety management advice to senior officers;
- Experience with road safety audit methodology & Safe System implementation at national and/or provincial level; such experience with data systems (RCAS or equivalent crash databases) is an advantage;
- Experience in training delivery related to road safety aspects;
- Excellent Lao & English language skills, both written and spoken;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office 365 is required, and familiarity with Microsoft Planner, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint.

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 **15 July 2026, 17:00** o'clock Lao time (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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