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Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Department of Housing and Urban Planning
PWMP Project Procurement Committee

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST

Firm to Support Waste Pickers Livelihood Development

(Consulting Service – Firm Selection for Component 2, Reference No. PWMP-FS-35)

The Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic has received financing through a credit from the World Bank Loan and a grant from PROBLUE Trust Fund toward the cost of the "Lao PDR Pollution and Waste Management Project (PWMP)" and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services described below.

The consulting services ("the Services") to support Waste Pickers livelihood development (FS-003) support VCOMS in improving the livelihoods, working conditions, safety and inclusion of informal waste workers, with a particular focus on waste pickers working at the KM32 landfill and children engaged in hazardous waste-picking activities. The assignment will also support appropriate livelihood, training and employment opportunities associated with the KM16 and the proposed Naxaythong transfer stations, including for eligible informal workers, existing recyclers, project-affected households and suitable members of surrounding host communities.

The assignment will be implemented over an estimated period of 48 months, expected to be starting from August 2027, under lump-sum contract basis. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below or from the following link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bLyvi6G7SwmLFZ3xbE83e0S_GhLxPeby/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107931960117694973815&rtpof=true&sd=true

The Department of Housing and Urban Planning (DHUP) under the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The firm or joint venture shall demonstrate experience from at least two comparable assignments in Lao PDR or similar contexts. Taken together, these assignments shall demonstrate experience in informal-worker livelihoods, social assessment and inclusion, and municipal solid waste management. Relevant experience may include the following areas:
   - Assessment, registration and engagement of informal workers and affected households.
   - Livelihood assessment, development, transition and restoration.
   - Occupational health and safety.
   - Gender equality, child protection and social protection.
   - Vocational training, employment and enterprise development.
   - Informal recycling, material recovery, recyclable-material value chains and markets.
   - Participatory consultation with vulnerable or disadvantaged groups, including people living in poverty, ethnic groups covered by the World Bank's ESS7, children, women, persons with disabilities, older persons, migrants and LGBTQ+ people.
   - Solid waste facility operations and the integration of informal workers into improved waste-management systems.
   - Engagement with private operators and incorporation of worker requirements into contracts or public-private partnership arrangements.
   - Monitoring of livelihood, employment, training, safety and social-inclusion outcomes.

2. Familiarity with the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework and experience coordinating livelihood and social-development activities with infrastructure investments and environmental and social instruments would be an advantage.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. The shortlist will contain 5 to 8 eligible and qualified firms.

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" dated February 2025 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations. A shortlist of firms will be established based on the submitted expressions of interest and in line with the criteria as outlined above.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8.30 to 16.30, Monday to Friday. Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below by 17:00 (Local time of Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, GMT+7) of 27 November 2026 as the deadline for the submission (electronic submission is acceptable).

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