



## **POVERTY REDUCTION FUND (PRF)**

IDA Credit No. 58270, Project No. P157963

### **Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Consulting Service to

### **Online Management Information System (MIS) Development**

The Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to words the cost of the Poverty Reduction Fund III Project and intends to apply part of the fund to cover eligible payment for hiring the Consulting Service to Online Management Information System (MIS) Development.

The consulting services ("the Services") include provision of a team of consultants to manage and operate the proposed Management Information System (MIS) Online Development.

The primary objective of Online Management Information System (MIS) Development is to enable PRF project management team and other stakeholders to respond to project development in a well-informed, timely manner by providing real time, easy to access project information as well as a channel for public feedback. This is expected to enhance the overall performance of the project by building a strong system of accountability, transparency and responsive project management. The PRF's Online MIS will be initially piloted in 3 provinces (depends on agreement), Savannakhet, Luangprabang and Oudomxay, and then rolled out to other project provinces once the systems are working effectively. In these three provinces, more than 70% (est.) of the area is covered by a mobile telecommunication company Unitel, which is considered to be a good mobile connection available in Laos. Therefore, the PRF young graduate as well as district officers will be able to access to mobile network or internet application that can be used for uploading project progress data and information to the online MIS.

The Terms of Reference for the assignment can be accessed at the following website: <http://prflaos.org/procurement/announcements>.

The PRF 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 for the firms eligible to apply for the service include the following:

- Be a legal entity with business license granted by appropriate authority (10 points);
- At least five (5) years of specific experience in providing similar services in MIS Online Development, experience on similar assignments financed by the World Bank is an asset (50 points);
- Proven record on successful completion of at least three (3) assignments (contract) related to MIS online development services (20 points);
- Availability of 3-4 experts (Team Leader, System Design and System Development and Programming) to undertake the 6 months' assignment fully based in Lao PDR with fluent written and spoken Lao and English languages (10 points);
- Experience in training trainers in MIS online development (10 points).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers, July 1, 2014 (for Guidelines Projects)*, 3.14 to 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations, July 2016 revised November 2017 and August 2018 (for Regulations projects), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (CVs with academic background including experience in similar conditions, description of similar assignments, availability of appropriate skills among staff, with their signatures, etc.).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants' Qualifications Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines/Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 16:00 hours, from Monday to Friday (Standard Lao PDR time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 16:00 hour no later than 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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