

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
POVERTY REDUCTION FUND III**

RE-ADVERTISE

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Consulting Service to Final External Evaluation of PRF III (2017-2021)

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 (PRF III) Project and intends to apply part of the fund to cover eligible payment for hiring the Consulting Service to Final External Evaluation of Poverty Reduction Fund III.

The consulting services ("the Services") include provision of a team of consultants to manage and operate the proposed Final External Evaluation of Poverty Reduction Fund III.

The primary objective of Final External Evaluation of PRF III during the year 2017-2021 is to evaluate PRFIII's results and achievements, based on the project's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and impact according to OECD/DAC evaluation standards (www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation), and draw the main lessons learned. The evaluation should bring to light the main factors having contributed to success or failure, and assess the sustainability potential of results and impacts beyond the project duration.

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:

1. At least three (3) years of specific experience in providing similar kind of services in developing countries financed by the World Bank and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, experience in evaluating development projects, especially rural development projects by applying the OECD evaluation standards;
2. Proven record on successful completion of at least one (1) assignments (contracts) related to Project Final Evaluation;
3. Availability of international experienced expert as team leader and local experts to undertake this assignment for evaluating the development projects by applying the OECD evaluation standards, with fluent written and spoken English language.

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, including:

- company profile, brochures;
- brief description of experience in managing similar evaluations of *community development project*,
- composition of the team (specific responsibilities for each team member);
- CVs with academic background including experience in similar conditions, description of similar assignments, availability of appropriate skills of the team members with their signatures; and
- other issues relevant to this assessment.

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 email) by 16:00 hour no later than **20 April 2021**.

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