



Lao People's Democratic Republic
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Poverty Reduction Fund

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
For Consulting Service for Beneficiaries' Satisfaction Evaluation
Contract No. AF-C.045 - 2022

The Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter called "Borrower") has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) (the "Bank") in the form of a credit (hereinafter called "Credit") toward the cost of Poverty Reduction Fund III (PRF III). The PRF III, an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments for hiring the Consulting Service for Beneficiaries' Satisfaction Evaluation.

The general objective of the study is to evaluate beneficiaries' satisfaction with the project activities (paying particular attention to women beneficiaries). The evaluation will cover beneficiaries' satisfaction with: (i) participatory planning; (ii) technical assistance and capacity building provided during implementation and supervision (both for infrastructure and livelihoods); (iii) results of activities (infrastructure and livelihoods); and (iv) grievances mechanism. This assessment will also report on the results framework indicator 16: percentage of households in PRF beneficiary villages satisfied with the participatory planning process supported by PRF III.

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 of Lao PDR (10 points);
- At least five (5) years of specific experience in providing similar services in developing countries financed by the World Bank (60 points);
- Proven record on successful completion of at least three (3) assignments (contracts) related to Beneficiary Satisfaction Assessment (10 points);
- Availability of one team leader experienced expert and two experts to undertake this 45 days' assignment fully based in Lao PDR with fluent written and spoken English and Lao languages (20 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, 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 05 December 2022. ✓

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Your Sincerely,



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