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Ministry of Communication Transport Post and Construction Department of Roads

Call for Expressions of Interest

(for publication in the press and circulated to the Embassies of ADB Eligible countries represented in Lao PDR)

Northern GMS Transport Network Improvement Project (ADB/11)

Services for Implementation Supervision Consultants (incorporating Environmental, Resettlement, Social Development, HIV/AIDs and Prevention of Human Trafficking, Coordination and Construction Supervision)

1. The Government of the Lao PDR has applied for a grant from the Australian Government towards the cost of the consulting services required for the Northern GMS Transport Network Improvement Project and intends to apply part of this grant to eligible payments under this Contract. The civil works under the project will consist of upgrading National Road 4 to a sealed standard and the construction of some 100km of access roads. These works are being co-financed under loans from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Korea Eximbank, OPEC Fund for International Development and a grant from AusAID. The main civil works will be let in five packages, namely:

Section	Road Section	Length (km)
I	Xieng-Ngeun – Park Khone	59
I (vi)	Mekong Bridge and 2 Approaches	
II	Thadeau via Sayaboury – Nam Pui Bridge	80
III	Nam Pui – Paklay	100
IV	Paklay – Kenthao	65
V	Kenthao via Botene – NakHa	63

2. The Ministry of Communication Transport Post and Construction (MCTPC) now invites Expressions of Interest for the services of Implementation Supervision Consultants for the Northern GMS Transport Network Improvement Project (ADB/11). The consultants will be selected and engaged under ADB's *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants*.

The services comprise:

- Environmental, Resettlement, Social Development, HIV/AIDs and Prevention of Human Trafficking, and Coordination of the entire length of National Road 4;
- Construction Supervision of Sections II, III, IV and V;
- Design and Construction Supervision of the access roads.

(Note: the Consulting Services for Section I including the Mekong Bridge are funded by the Korea Eximbank and subject to separate procurement procedures).

3. Criteria for shortlisting includes:

- a. Experience of firm in similar road projects involving environmental, resettlement and social development aspects, co-ordination and construction supervision
- b. Experience of firm in Lao PDR and/or in countries in the GMS sub-region;
- c. Demonstrate that the firm has experience of working with domestic consultants and in capacity building;
- d. Demonstrate that the firm can provide a team of experienced personnel who have worked on similar projects in developing countries in the fields of environmental monitoring, resettlement, social development, project co-ordination and construction supervision and could join with a domestic consultant to undertake the services which will be implemented over a 63 month period (including 48 months construction plus 12 months Defects Liability Period).

4. Further information may be obtained from:

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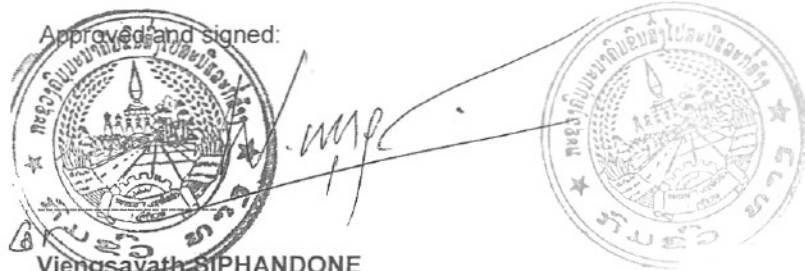
5. Submission of Expression of Interest must be received in sealed envelopes, forwarded by hand or sent under registered post to the address above at or before 16.00 hours on 11th July 2007. The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.

6. The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Consultants in the connection with the preparation or delivery of their Expressions of Interest.

7. Consultants will be advised in due course of the results of their submissions.

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Approved and signed:

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