

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
Ministry of Industry and Commerce
MSME Access to Finance for Emergency Support and Recovery Project
(MSME A2F-ESR), Project no. P174169

Part-Time National Consultant (Re-advertise)

To Assist in the Design and Establishment of a Partial Credit Guarantee Facility (PCGF) and developing the Legislation, Regulations, Guidelines and to train the relevant staff of the BOL to Supervise the Partial Credit Guarantee Facility (PCGF)
REF: LA-DOSMEP-2.3-CS-INDV

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) of Lao PDR received financing support from the World Bank Group's International Development Association (IDA) to implement MSME A2F-ESR Project (FY2021-2025), which will provide long-term funding sources for Financial Sector, specifically Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) to provide long-term credit to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to overcome the impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Department of SME Promotion (DOSMEP), Ministry of Industry and Commerce will be the Executing Agency (EA) for MSME A2F ESR Project. A project management team formed was under DOSMEP to provide overall project supervision, coordination and monitoring. The project has included three components: (i) Emergency and Recovery Line of Credit to MSMEs; (ii) Strengthening BOL Capacity to Supervise PCG Facility; (iii) Technical Assistance and Project Management.

As part of Component 2 under the MSME A2F-ESR Project, DOSMEP is seeking an experienced Part-Time National Consultant to support two international consultants (to be selected under separate TORs) to provide technical assistance to DOSMEP and BOL with a view to:

- Assist an International Consultant to assist in the design and establishment of a Partial Credit Guarantee Facility (PCGF), based upon the Feasibility Study for the Establishment of a PCGF which was completed on December 26, 2020.
- Assist an International Consultant to assist BOL in developing the Legislation, Regulations, Guidelines and to train the relevant staff of the BOL to Supervise the Partial Credit Guarantee Facility (PCGF).

This will be Part-time intermittent assignment with approximately input about 120 working days over a period of 24 months. Number of input and duration of contract may be extended subject to project requirements. Full TOR can be accessed at the DOSMEP's website: <http://dosmep.org/vacancies/>

In order to qualify for this position, the candidate shall meet the following experience and competence requirements:

- Minimum under-graduate degree in management, economics, finance, banking or a relevant discipline.
- At least 5 years of experience in financial sector, preferably with commercial banks
- In-depth understanding of the financial/banking sector.
- Knowledge of PCGFs will be an advantage.
- Working experience with MSMEs will be an advantage.
- Experience in designing, managing and implementing complex assignments will be an advantage
- Excellent (English) verbal and written communication skills.
- Advanced experience of Microsoft Excel/Word/Power Point or similar programs.
- Excellent work planning, organization sense, reporting, interpersonal and team working skills in differing cultural context.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018, under Individual Consultants (IC) selection

method. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the said Regulations, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The MSME A2F-ESR now invites interested applicants to submit the express of interest and provide information indicating that you are qualified to perform the services (curriculum vitae with expressions of interest and references). Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below or no later than **Jan 7th 2022, 16:00 o'clock** (submissions via email are also acceptable). Only Short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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