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Project name: Lao PDR's National Road No. 2 (NR2) Project

Preliminary questions

***Type of contract:**

- ☐ Works
- ☐ Supplies
- ☒ Services

***Type of procedure:**

- ☐ Open procedure
- ☒ Restricted procedure
- ☐ Competitive procedure with negotiation
- ☐ Competitive dialogue

Section I: Procuring entity

Name and address

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*Communication

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☐ The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at (URL): [Click here to enter URL.](#) or select ☒ N/A [if URL not available]

or

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☒ the abovementioned address

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☐ to the following address: [Click here to provide address.](#)

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Contact person: Click here to enter the name of contact person.	
*Email: Click here to enter email. Only one email address is allowed.	Tel: Click here to enter telephone number. Only one telephone number is allowed.
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***Type of the procuring entity**

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| ☒ Ministry or any other national or regional authority, including their regional or local subdivisions | ☐ Body governed by public law |
| ☐ National or federal agency/office | ☐ International organisation |
| ☐ Regional or local authority | ☐ Other type: Click here to enter other type. |
| ☐ Regional or local agency/office | |

***Main activity**

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|---|---|
| ☐ General public services | ☐ Housing and community amenities |
| ☐ Public order and safety | ☐ Social protection |
| ☐ Environment | ☐ Recreation, culture and religion |
| ☐ Economic and financial affairs | ☐ Education |
| ☐ Health | |
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| ☒ Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat | ☐ Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services |
| ☐ Electricity | ☐ Railway services |
| ☐ Extraction of gas and oil | ☐ Port-related activities |
| ☐ Exploration and extraction of coal and other solid fuels | ☐ Airport-related activities |
| ☐ Water | ☐ Postal services |



☒ Other activity: Consultant services for road projects

Section II: Object

Scope of the procurement

Consulting Services for (i) Feasibility Study and Environment and Social Assessment (ESA) Study for the Improvement and Maintenance of National Road 2 Section 4 - Muang Khoua to Vietnam Border in Ban Hok, and (ii) Implementation Support and Works Supervision for the Improvement and Maintenance of Muang Xay Bypass

EIB-GtP/Click here and select the EIB Department from the drop-down list.

Reference number: FS/ISWS-NR23E-Section4-QCBS-2026

***Title:**

The Government of Lao PDR (GOL) has entered into a financing agreement with EIB regarding the “Lao Resilient Roads Framework loan” in 2019, under which parts of NR2 E are currently under improvement to climate resilient level and meeting the ASEAN highway class III standard. Works are ongoing on 3 works contract sections between Oudomxay km 0+000 and Mueang Khoua at km 99+100.

The last section from Mueang Khoua to the Vietnamese Border in PangHok, “Section 4”, from km 99+100 to km 165+000 had been improved by Vietnamese funding in 2013 and was not in critical condition at the moment of the FS. The section has deteriorated since, and the GoL through DoR is now considering improvement of this section using savings from the existing loan and additional financing.

At the start of NR2 E, the project included the Muang Xai By-pass, with a length of 8,3 km, serving as the junction between NR2 E and NR2 W. The implementation of this section was put on hold and conditioned to availability of funds. The procurement of the civil works under OPBRC contract arrangement has now been confirmed, and DOR is looking for implementation support and supervision services for this section.

The assignment is structured in 2 distinct parts that are to be carried out in parallel:

- PART I: The Feasibility Study (FS) for the NR2E Section 4 Mueang Khoua to the Vietnamese Border in PangHok (66 km) to improve the road to meet climate resilient ASEAN highway class III standard.
- PART II: The Implementation Support and Works Supervision for the Muang Xay By-pass (8.3 km).

An estimated 6-months timeframe has been allocated for the FS activities, including a simple update of the traffic study and economic analysis, a Conceptual Design, safeguards instruments, and technical parts of the Bidding documents (Part II and Part IV). The duration of the supervision services is expected for 27 months (Part II), and the assignment to start in Q2,2027. **At the time of this request for expression of**

***Short description:**

interest, PART II remains conditional, subject to confirmation of availability of



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funds. If funding is not confirmed at the time of award, only Part I of the assignment will be awarded.

Estimated total contract value
excluding VAT:

1.54 mln

Currency: EUR

***This contract is divided into lots**

☐ yes ☒ no

[Please fill this section only if contract is divided into lots.]

Quantity of lots: [Click here to enter number of lots.](#)

***Tenders may be submitted for**

☐ all lots ☐ one lot only ☐ maximum number of lots [Click here to enter max number of lots.](#)

☐ Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer [Click here to enter max number of lots.](#)

☐ The procuring entity reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots

[Click here to indicate lots or group of lots that may be combined up to 400 characters.](#)

[If the contract is divided into lots, please fill the Annex I of the Standard Form of Contract Notice for each lot separately and do NOT fill the Description section immediately below.]

Description

Main site or place of performance

Lao PDR, two different sites:

FS (Part I of assignment): National Road 2 East - Muang Xai By-pass, with a length of 8,3 km, the junction between NR2 East and NR2 West;

ISWS (Part II of assignment): National Road 2 East - Mueang Khoua to the Vietnamese Border in Pang Hok, "Section 4", from km 99+100 to km 165+000

***Description of the procurement**

This selection process is governed by the applicable legislation of Lao PDR, including the remedy mechanism available to tenderers and the procedures for settlement of disputes. Consultants' selection is carried out in line with EIB's Guide to Procurement, based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection



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procedure. The contract shall be placed under Restricted Tendering (only shortlisted firms are invited to submit proposals) with two-envelope system.

***Award criteria**

☐ Criteria below

☒ Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

[Please fill the criterions below only if 'Criteria below' is selected. If 'Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents' is selected do not fill any of the quality or cost criteria or price below]

☐ Quality criterion

[Please fill the quality criterions below ONLY if 'Quality criterion' is selected.]

Quality criterion	Weighting
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____

and/or

☐ Cost criterion

[Please fill the cost criterions below ONLY if 'Cost criterion' is selected.]

Cost criterion	Weighting
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____



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and/or

If ONLY 'Price' is selected do not fill any of the quality or cost criteria above.]

☐ Price

Weighting:

Click here to enter weighting for price (ONLY if selected in combination with quality criterion).

*Duration of the contract

☒ Duration in months 27 months

or

☐ Range

Start: Click here to enter start date.

End: Click here to enter end date.

[This section to be filled only if **restricted procedure or competitive procedure with negotiation or competitive dialogue** is selected under the Preliminary questions of this form]

☐ Envisaged number of candidates

☒ Range

[Click here to enter envisaged number of candidates](#)

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates

1) Shortlisting Criteria are:

Criterion 1 (25%): Over 10 years of proven international experience in carrying out and preparing feasibility studies, environmental and social assessments and design for road construction/rehabilitation projects; such experience in South/ Southeast Asia is an advantage;

Criterion 2 (25%): Minimum 3 contracts of at least EUR 1,2 million equivalent carried out in the past 10 years successfully completed* in the capacity of Lead Consultant, performing feasibility studies and conceptual designs for a major country's highway, of comparable value, scope and nature. Such experience under OPBRC, OPRC, DBMOT, or similar arrangements, is an advantage;

Criterion 3 (25%): Over 10 years of proven international experience in carrying out supervision services for rural and national roads rehabilitation and/or improvement works projects; such experience in South/ Southeast Asia is an advantage;

Criterion 4 (25%): Minimum 3 contracts of at least EUR 1,2 million equivalent successfully completed* in the capacity of Lead Consultant in the past 10 years, for supervision of national



road improvement, rehabilitation and maintenance. including monitoring of safeguards requirements. Such experience under OPBRC, OPRC, DBMOT, or similar arrangements, is an advantage.

* Successful completion in this context means an assignment that was 100% complete at the time of EOI submission, with a Completion Certificate from the Client attached to its Project Data Sheet, confirming that the assignment was performed and finalized in compliance with the contract.

In case the applicant is a JV, the Applicant shall specify clearly which member of the JV provided the references and in which role.

2) Evaluation Methodology (Shortlisting)

All EOIs shall be scored based on criteria and their weights as specified above. Minimum passing score for shortlisting is 70,0 points. The scoring matrix with detailed scoring criteria breakdown can be downloaded [here](#). The above criteria shall be used to select the best 3-6 firms (shortlist), which shall then receive RFP / Tender Documents for preparation and submission of proposals. The Consultants will be evaluated based on the number of years for Criteria 1 and 3, while for Criteria 2 and 4 based on the number of Contracts. If, as result of the above scoring, there will be more than 6 firms that scored over 70,0 points, the following additional criteria shall apply to select the best positioned firms / associations for the shortlist:

Additional Criterion #1: Highest number of supervision contracts in South / Southeast Asia, and subsequently

Additional Criterion #2: Highest number of supervision contracts under OPBRC model.

The above additional criteria shall be used one by one until the number of shortlisted firms is reduced to 6. The contracts that shall be used for examination under the additional criteria shall be the same as contracts used for scoring under the 4 shortlisting criteria above. Additional criteria will be used to determine the number of 3-6 companies finally qualifying for the Shortlist. The firms with the highest number of relevant contracts as per additional criteria shall get preference for shortlisting.

Notes:

- 1) For each of the above 4 criteria, the Consultants will list their contracts separately. The maximum listed contracts for each criterion shall be 15. In the event of more EOIs submitted, only the first 15 references shall be considered (same references can be listed in EOI for different criteria, if relevant). The template for Contract / Project Data Sheet to be used for each of the listed past contracts shall be downloaded [here](#). The template is not mandatory but failure to reflect the complete information as required for evaluation and scoring shall be under Consultants' own responsibility.
- 2) Experience gained in the capacity of a Sub-consultant may not be considered. Uncompleted assignments may not be considered. References that do not include dates or other essential details regarding past projects may not be counted. Key Experts and staff teams shall not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) shall be submitted in English. Only shortlisted Consultants will be invited to submit full Technical and Financial Proposals.

*Variants will be accepted

☐ Yes ☒ No



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***Options**
☐ Yes ☒ No
Description of options

Click here to enter description of options up to 4000 characters.

Additional information

Click here to enter any relevant additional information related to the scope and/or description of the procurement up to 400 characters.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**Conditions for participation****Suitability to pursue the professional activity**

Click here to enter a list and brief description of relevant conditions for participation related to professional activity up to 4000 characters.

Economic and financial standing
☒ Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

or

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Click here to enter a list and brief description of selection criteria up to 4000 characters.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Click here to enter minimum level(s) required up to 4000 characters.

Technical and professional ability
☒ Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

or

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Click here to enter a list and brief description of selection criteria up to 4000 characters.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Click here to enter minimum level(s) required up to 4000 characters.



Conditions related to the contract

Contract performance conditions

The assignment is expected to commence by April - May 2027. Both Parts of the assignment are expected to start simultaneously, in parallel.

The FS – Part I of the assignment will be implemented within the initial 6-month period of the contract; The ISWS Part II of the assignment covers construction works period for an estimated total 27-months period.

The Consultant shall prepare reports for each part of the assignment separately. This shall be a time-based contract with two distinct payment mechanisms for each part of the assignment. There is no predefined payment schedule for the assignment. This shall be a hybrid contract with time-based payments, subject to completion of tasks / deliverables described in the tasks listed above for Part I and Part II of the contract. Payments for the Part I deliverables shall be based on the outputs submitted by the Consultant and approved by the Client and paid for in lumpsum instalments. Payments for Part II shall be linked to both the time worked and the tasks completed as per approved work plan, for the time worked by the Consultant's staff and the reimbursable expenditures incurred in the reported period. All payments shall be contingent on the satisfactory performance and timely submission of reports for the Client's review and approval.

Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

- ☐ Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure

Description

Information about a framework agreement

- ☐ The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

[This section to be filled ONLY if 'The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement' is selected.]

- ☐ Framework agreement with a single operator

or

- ☐ Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: [Click here to enter maximum number of participants, if applicable.](#)



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*[This section to be filled ONLY if **competitive procedure with negotiation or competitive dialogue** is selected]*

☐ Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

*[This section may be filled only if **competitive procedure with negotiation** is selected]*

☐ The procuring entity reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

Administrative information

Previous publication in the OJEU concerning this procedure

[Please enter the Prior Information Notice number, if there was one.]

Notice number in the OJEU _____ /S _____ - _____

Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

***Date:** 22/10/2026

Local time (hh:mm) 17:00 Lao
time _____

*[This section to be filled ONLY if **restricted procedure or competitive procedure with negotiation or competitive dialogue** is selected]*

Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 15/12/2026

***Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

[Click here to enter another language, if relevant.](#)

☐ Tender must be valid until

150 days from the date of
proposal's submission.

or



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☐ Duration in months (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

[Click here to enter number of months.](#)

*[This section to be filled only if **open procedure** is selected]*

Conditions for opening of tenders

***Date:** [Click here to enter the public opening date.](#) ***Local time (hh:mm)** _____

Place

[Click here to enter exact address of public opening procedure and who is invited to participate up to 400 characters.](#)

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

[Click here to indicate authorised persons to be present and any other information for opening procedure up to 400 characters.](#)

Section VI: Complementary information

Additional information:

A consulting firm will be selected under the method of **Quality and Cost-based Selection (QCBS)** in accordance with the Guide to Procurement for projects financed by the EIB (July 2024 edition) which can be found at the following website: <https://www.eib.org/en/publications/20240132-guide-to-procurement-for-projects-financed-by-the-eib> . A shortlist of firm will be established based on the submitted Expressions of interest and in line with the criteria as outlined above. The shortlist of 5 to 8 best qualified firms / associations shall be selected for the next phase of evaluation, based on the scores obtained. Shortlisted consultants will be invited to submit full technical and finance proposal. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section 1.5 of the Guide to Procurement for projects financed by the European Investment Bank, setting forth the EIB's policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. The full ToR can be downloaded [here](#).

Procedures for review

Review body

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State Asset Department

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