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Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Department of Housing and Urban Planning
PWMP Project Procurement Committee

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST

External Audit Firm

(Consulting Service – Firm Selection for Component 1 & 2, Reference No. PWMP-FS-004)

The Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic has received financing through a credit from the World Bank Loan and a grant from PROBLUE Trust Fund toward the cost of the "Lao PDR Pollution and Waste Management Project (PWMP)" and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services described below.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the external auditor to carry out audits of the project's annual financial statements for the entire period of the project (from 27 June 2025 to 30 September 2031 and grace period until 31 January 2032). The audit will cover two separate project financial statements: one from the Environmental and Forest Protection Funds (EFF), Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE) as the lead agency for Component 1, and another from Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) as lead agency for Component 2 of the project. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the primary procurement stage for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Department of Housing and Urban Planning (DHUP) under the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) 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 are:

- Be a legal entity with business license granted by appropriate authority
- Be an entity acceptable to the World Bank as technically competent, independent and able to comply with International Standards on Auditing ("ISA") and have adequate quality control to ensure compliance with ISA, International Standard of Quality Control ("ISQC 1") and other requirements.
- Experience in financial auditing in the public sector.
- Experience in auditing in the region and in the Lao PDR.
- Extensive experience in financial statements audit of World Bank and/or donor funded projects.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. The shortlist will contain 5 to 8 eligible and qualified firms.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated February 2025 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations. 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 subconsultancy. 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.

A consulting firm will be selected under the method of Least-cost Selection (LCS) in accordance with the said WB Procurement Regulations set out in the Procurement Regulations. A shortlist of firms will be established based on the submitted expressions of interest and in line with the criteria as outlined above.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8:30 to 16:30, Monday to Friday. Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below by 17:00 (Local time of Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, GMT+7) of 23 September 2026 as the deadline for the submission (electronic submission is acceptable).

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