

REQUEST OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(for Individual Consultants)

The Emissions Reduction (ER) Programme of Lao PDR embodies the Government of Lao PDR's (GoL) commitment to reforming land use, enhancing forest restoration and protection. The GoL embraces REDD+ as the opportunity for transforming rural land use, from opportunistic revenue generation at the cost of natural resources, to strategic and efficient land use delivered through participatory and integrated planning design. The GoL has prepared Six Provincial REDD+ Action Plans (PRAPs) and an Emission Reductions Program Document (ER-PD). The ER-PD was approved by the FCPF Carbon Fund Participant Committee in June 2018, with conditional acceptance of the ER-PD into the portfolio of both Tranche A and Tranche B of the Carbon Fund. The ER-PD proposes a strategy for successfully implementing REDD+ and opportunities to receive results-based payments.

The Department of Forestry (DoF) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) is the Emission Reduction Program Entity, as approved by the World Bank's FCPF for the first sub-national emission reduction program in Lao PDR titled ***Governance, Forest Landscapes and Livelihoods – Northern Laos (GFL)***. The Program covers an area of 8.1 million hectares of six provinces located in northern Lao PDR, which includes Bokeo, Huaphan Luang Namtha, Luang Prabang, Oudomxay, and Sayabury. The GFL is now operational and is looking for:

Project Management Advisor (1 Position)

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in development economics, management, finance, forestry, natural resources management, or in another related field.
- A minimum of 7 years of experience in project and or program management within the forestry or natural resources sectors.
- Knowledge, skills and experience in result-based planning, quality control, monitoring and evaluation and human resources management, ideally within the forest sector.
- Familiarity with government projects funded by the World Bank and/or International Agencies and Government of Lao PDR's administrative and related procedures.
- Experience in REDD+ is an asset.
- Good interpersonal and team-building skills.
- Excellent spoken and written skills in both Lao and English languages.
- Willingness to travel frequently to provinces in Lao PDR.
- Flexibility and ability to work and deliver high-quality products on time.
- Presence in Vientiane, Lao PDR, and working full-time are essential requirements

Project Financial Management Assistant 1 and 2 (2 Positions)

- At least a Bachelor's degree in relevant field such as accounting, finance, banking, economic or related field ;
- At least 5 years of professional experience in similar position in accounting or financial management. Experience with the World Bank projects or other major donors are an advantages;
- Good PC/system literacy, including strong Excel skills. Skills in using computerized accounting software is an advantage;
- Fluency in Lao with certain English Skills is plus;
- Good understanding of Government institutional and budgetary structures and ability to work with a range of agencies at national, provincial and local levels;
- Reliable, independent and dynamic worker with high social competence and good team spirit;
- Good interpersonal skills and result orientation;
- Be able to frequently travel to six target northern provinces.
- *Presence in Vientiane and working full-time, Lao PDR, are essential requirements for this assignment.*

Note: Although the requirements for applying these positions are the same, the Terms of References of these two are different. You might request for the TORs. Applicants are strongly advised to indicate if he/she is applying for ***Project Financial Management Assistant 1*** or ***Project Financial Management Assistant 2***

Presence of each consultant in Vientiane, Lao PDR, and working full-time are essential requirements. The consultants will be selected under selection method for Individual Consultants based on the GoL's Law Procurement on Public Procurement No. 30/ NA dated 2nd November 2017 and the Instruction on the Implementation of Law on Public Procurement No. 0477/ MOF dated 13th February 2019, including its notification on the application of standard procurement documents (harmonized version 2021 No, 2904/MOF dated 8 July 2021). Interested eligible individual consultants may obtain further information and full Terms of Reference at the address below during office hours 08.00 - 16.00 hours, Monday to Friday.

Expression of Interested along with CV (including affixed recent photo) must be submitted (indicated the position) not later than **31st May 2022** via email to the address below:

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