REQUEST FOR EXPRESION OF INTEREST(REOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES –FIRMS SELECTION)

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COUNTRY: KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

NAME OF PROJECT: National Restoration of Rural Productive Capacity Project - II

AIIB PPSF Grant No. S0849A

Assignment Title: Consulting Firm for Completion of the Feasibility Study (FS), Preparation of Detailed Engineering Designs (DEDs) for Rural Road Infrastructure and Construction Supervision (SP4)

Reference No: NRRPCP-AF/CF-S04

- 1. The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia (GKC) received a loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in December 2020 to assist in financing the National Restoration of Rural Productive Capacity Project (NRRPCP). The project was identified as an immediate priority of the GKC. The GKC has also received a Project Preparation Support Fund (PPSF) grant from the AIIB that will be used to finance the preparation for a loan to finance the NRRPCP-II that has an objective of continued support for sustaining the rural economy and livelihoods of rural populations, as well as the creation of employment opportunities, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- 2. The consulting services ("the Services") include providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), specifically to the Project Management Unit (PMU) and the Project Implementation Units (PIUs), to support the completion of FS, preparation of DEDs and provision of construction supervision. These will include:
 - The completion of FS for the 32 shortlisted rural roads with a total length of approximately 360 km. The tasks will include (i) conducting rapid reconnaissance surveys of the existing alignment for each subproject; (ii) identifying existing road condition and present proposals for its improvement and rehabilitation; (iii) conducting preliminary and detailed survey including all topographic, geological, geotechnical, hydrological and other surveys; (iv) identifying the soil types along the road and determine their engineering classification or equivalent strengthening values; (v) conducting topographic surveys showing horizontal and vertical alignment of the proposed roads; (vi) collecting information about hydrology for all cross drainage works and bridges; (vii) identifying the environmental and social risks and impacts, including gender aspects, for each subproject, (viii) conducting climate vulnerability and risk assessment; and (ix) undertaking economic cost-benefit analysis (CBA) for each subproject.
 - The preparation of **DEDs** for the selected roads, using best practices and innovative solutions, when applicable. The detailed designs are to be prepared using prevailing practices, manuals, codes and other technical documents that have been developed for use in Cambodia as well as incorporating best practices and lessons learned from other externally funded projects under MRD. The tasks will include (i) conducting satisfactory environmental and social safeguard due diligence to identify potential impacts of the selected roads; (ii) preparing the DEDs for the selected rural roads; (iii) preparing Bills of Quantities and cost estimates, and (v) and producing the bidding documents. Assistance will also be provided during the initial procurement process.
 - The provision of effective **Construction Supervision** for the civil works contracts for all selected rural roads to ensure timely delivery of the road and structural works according to the prescribed detailed designs and technical specifications, ensuring good design and construction quality standards, and addressing social and environmental issues, avoiding time and cost overruns, carefully avoiding disputes and underperformance, and providing professional advice and support the employer to effectively manage the civil works. This will include (i) professionally managing the contracts to ensure high quality of works complying with the technical drawings and specifications and conditions of the contracts including management of social and environmental issues; (ii) infusing the latest construction technology, contract management and rural roads best practices in the project including road safety and climate resilience; (iii) preparing relevant documentation and provide the same to the relevant authorities; (iv) building the

capacity and knowledge base of the local contractors, PIU and PMU staff through the delivery of capacity building trainings; and (v) carefully avoiding risks to the employer such as cost over-runs, and additional liabilities.

- 3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.
- 4. The MRD 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:
 - Firm's previous project experience in FS and DEDs for Rural Road Infrastructure and Construction Supervision (70%);
 - The experience in similar nature of work must be in the preceding 5 years;
 - The minimum contract value of each assignment must not be less than USD 3,100,000.00 or any amount justifiable given the inflation rate to each completed/ongoing assignment in the preceding 5 years;
 - Firm with a proven record of completing at least two (2) similar assignments.
 - Firm shall have minimum average annual service turnover of USD 6,200,000.00, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last 3 years (20%);
 - It must be clearly indicated in audited financial statement certified by independent audit firms that are members of any recognized Accounting and Auditing Regulator.
 - Firm's previous relevant work experience with international organizations/agencies (such as Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Japan International Cooperation Agency, and other International NGOs in Cambodia (10%).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- 5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 2.3.5, of the AIIB's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients July 26, 2024, setting forth the AIIB's policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.
- 6. 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.
- 7. A Consultant will be selected through the selection based on *Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)* method as set out in AIIB's Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (July 26, 2024).
- 8. Further information can be obtained at address below during the office hours between 8:00 am 11:30 am and 2:30 pm 5:00 p.m. every working day.
- 9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 08th December 2025 at 17:00 hours (local time in Cambodia).

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