PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: LAO PDR COMPETITIVENESS AND TRADE PROJECT (P164813)

Project Implementation agency: National Implementation Unit

Date of the Procurement Plan: August 2018


Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016) (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents: shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

National Procurement Arrangements: In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations, when approaching the national market (as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP), the country’s own procurement procedures may be used.

When the Borrower uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in with the national regulations including the Procurement Decree #03, dated January 9, 2004 and Implementation Rule and Regulations (IRR) #0063 issued by the Ministry of Finance (MOF) on March 12, 2004 and #0861/MOF, dated May 5, 2009 (amended version), such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions.

1. The request for bids/request for proposals document shall require that bidders/proposers submitting bids/proposals present a signed acceptance at the time of bidding, to be incorporated in any resulting contracts, confirming application of, and compliance with, Bank Anti-Corruption Guidelines, including without limitation the Bank’s right to sanction and the Bank’s inspection and audit rights;

2. Information related to award of contract including reasons for rejection of unsuccessful bidders shall be published on the implementing agency websites and/or newspaper of wide circulation.

3. All complaints on procurement related matters including complaints arising from procurement under Bank financed Projects whilst using National Procurement Procedures shall be dealt with in accordance with Article 33 of the Procurement
Decree. Borrower shall put in place an effective complaints review mechanism for dealing with procurement related complaints, and shall disclose the details in all the bidding documents. All complaints shall be recorded by the Borrower in the appropriate tracking and monitoring system, as agreed between the Bank and the Borrower.

When other national procurement arrangements other than national open competitive procurement arrangements are applied by the Borrower, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.5 of the Procurement Regulations.

**Leased Assets** as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations - Not Applicable

**Procurement of Second Hand Goods** as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations - Not Applicable

**Domestic preference** as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations (*Goods and Works*). - Not Applicable

**Other Relevant Procurement Information.**

The operations of the BAF will be governed by the BAF Operations Manual which was approved in TDF2, and will be updated and approved by the government and the World Bank prior to effectiveness.

The procurement method and conditions used for procurement under the matching grant mechanism will be specified in the BAF Operations Manual. Services to be financed out of the grant are procured under commercial practices acceptable to the World Bank in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Regulations and as further specified in the BAF Operations Manual.
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**Notes:**
- All projects start on September 30, 2018, and end on November 30, 2018.
- Duration for each project is 2 months.
- Amounts vary from 60,000.00 to 60,000.00 for each consultant role.

**Additional Projects:**
- D2-1: Selection Consultant (2018-09-30 to 2018-11-30, 60,000.00)
- D2-2: Selection Consultant (2018-09-30 to 2018-11-30, 60,000.00)
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**Conclusion:**
- A total of 20 selection consultant roles were filled across various projects.
- Each role was filled for a duration of 2 months.
- The total cost for all consultants combined is 1,200,000.00.
<p>| AS 1.1 / Policy reform, international regulatory impact | IDA / 02180 | Improving the Business Environment | Fee | Individual Consultant | Mission | Open | 0.00 | Under Implementation | 2018-12/31 | 2019-04-01 | 2019-08-17 | 2019-11-25 |</p>
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