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Ministry of Economy and Finance Project Implementation Unit Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project IDA Credit No. 6366 KH REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING FIRM SELECTION)

Assignment Title: National Consulting Firm for "Conducting Policy Study on Analysis of Domestic Trend, Pattern and Needs of Food Consumption in the Context of Economic Growth, Urbanization and Global Change"

Reference No.: (MEF-Con-4)

The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia (GoKC), Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), Project Implementation Unit (PIU) has received a credit (IDA Credit No. 6366) from the World Bank toward the cost of the Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project (CASDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

- Prepare the inception report with draft workplan of the Study
- Hold consultation meetings with Relevant Ministries and Agriculture sector stakeholders to collect inputs to develop detail research design and data analysis
- Field work, data collection and processing
- Compilation and submission of draft report
- Deliver consultation workshop and validation workshop in order to incorporate feedback from stakeholders
- Completion of the final report

The assignment period is 5 Months and expected to commence tentatively in July 2025 and complete in November 2025. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following attached:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12LkIzbFJRreOaIyif3Wmbv9u1Orj673 /view?usp=s hare_link or obtain from address below.

The *Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), Project Implementation Unit (PIU)* now invites the local 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 legally registered firm in Cambodia.
- Sector of the firm: research study, policy study, capacity building, agriculture development and evaluation;
- At least 4 years of extensive experiences in research design in various sectors. The experience in agriculture sector and food consumption and nutrition may be an advantage;
- Experience in managing contracts/projects with a Multilateral Development Partner (MDPs) or bilateral donor, NGOs etc.

Staffing: The consulting firm will be required to provide at least four key experts who have experience in nutrition and food consumption, conduct the high-level studies aimed at supporting agricultural policy design at ministerial level. The firm can employ more staff as deemed appropriate to successfully conduct this assignment. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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" July 2016 Revised November 2017 and August 2018, setting forth the World Bank'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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Consultant's Qualification-based Selection* method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *from* 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm, from Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest in English language must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by or before May 23, 2025, to:

Contact Address: MEF-PIU/CASDP

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Statistics and Economic Analysis Department (Building B, 5th floor)

Street 92, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh Khan, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Attention to: Mr. Sot Kimson, MEF-PIU/CASDP's Procurement Officer,

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