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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

Enhanced Integrated Framework – Tier 1

(Program ID No: EIF-Tier1-KHM-001)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR

(I) LEAD NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION CONSULTANT

(REF: EIF/2012/022)

AND

(II) NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION CONSULTANT

(REF: EIF/2012/023)

FOR

EIF TIER 1 MID-TERM EVALUATION

1. The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) through the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) has received a grant of US\$909,000 as part of the Enhanced Integrated Framework – Tier 1 implementation (2010-2013). The Integrated Framework (IF) for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to least-developed countries (LDCs) is a process that was first established in 1997 to support LDC governments in trade capacity building and integrating trade issues into overall national development strategies. The EIF proposal for Cambodia will allow the country to enhance its national capacity to formulate, implement, manage, and monitor a pro-poor trade policy that further adhere to the principles of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. The Department of International Cooperation (D/ICO) of the Ministry of Commerce acts as the National Implementation Unit (NIU). The EIF Tier 1 project supports the implementation of the Cambodia Trade SWAp.
2. The main purpose of the consultancy services is to carry out a comprehensive review of the effectiveness and impact of the Cambodia's Trade Sector-Wide Approach (aka Trade SWAp) in order to define ways and means to improve its implementation to reach its stated objective of trade sector development. The goal is to review project performance in order to provide greater insight into the EIF Tier 1 operations and enable efficient and cost effective project delivery and management. The purpose is to examine and provide feedback on the implementation processes given the prevailing in-country conditions, and to determine the extent of results achieved. The mid-term evaluation can also help to identify obstacles to performance, provide justification for extension of the project for a full 5-year phase and provide information for the global program level evaluation.
3. The D/ICO, serving as Secretariat to the EIF Tier 1 Project, is recruiting a **Lead National Individual Evaluation Consultant** to work in conjunction with a **National Individual Evaluation Consultant** to conduct the **EIF Tier 1 Mid-Term Review**.

The Consultants will conduct an independent evaluation of Cambodia's Tier 1 project, by the middle of the last year of the project implementation using the OECD/DAC Criteria for evaluating development assistance. The following are indicative areas to be covered by the evaluation questions:

- An assessment/overview of the overall EIF institutional set-up in the country (Focal Point, National Steering Committee, National Implementing Unit) and the organizational links to key ministries and other relevant bodies;
 - Results and activities for the Tier 1 project;
 - Review of trade mainstreaming processes in the country (In line with the EIF Logical framework);
 - Trade Policy/export development strategy;
 - Engagement with Private sector and other non-governmental stakeholders on trade and trade policy issues;
 - Donor coordination on trade related assistance;
 - Wider mobilization of funds for TRA – formulation of tier 2 projects; and
 - Sustainability.
4. The Consultants will be contracted for a maximum period of 20 working days within a period of 2 months from the contract signing date.
 5. Acting on behalf of the Ministry of Commerce, D/ICO invites expressions of interest from qualified and experienced individual consultants to undertake the above mentioned services which are further detailed in the Terms of Reference for each assignment. The successful consultants will be selected in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section V: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011.
 6. In submitting their expressions of interest, consultants are kindly requested to indicate the following references: (i) **EIF/2012/022 Lead National Individual Evaluation Consultant** and (ii) **EIF/2012/023 National Individual Evaluation Consultant**. Consultants may submit expressions of interest for either or both positions. Interested consultants must provide their updated curriculum vitae, indicating personal and technical skills, academic qualifications, experience in similar assignments, experience with donor-funded, government-executed projects, and experience in Cambodia and/or other developing countries along with the names of at least three (3) referees with contact information (e-mail address, telephone or fax numbers). Expressions of Interest shall be submitted in hard copy followed by an electronic copy.
 7. Interested consultants may obtain copies of the detailed Terms of Reference (in English) for both of the assignment from the address below during office hours from 8:30 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30 hours, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.
 8. Expressions of interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **29 January 2013 (before 17:00 hours)**. Applications received beyond this date will not be considered.

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