

**KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
ENHANCED INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK (EIF)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR
LEAD INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT FOR EIF TIER 2 CEDEP II MID-TERM EVALUATION
(LUMP-SUM CONTRACT)
REF: EIF/2015/031**

1. In 2008, the Royal Government of Cambodia has established a Trade Sector-Wide Approach (Trade SWAp) under the leadership of the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) to manage and coordinate better the use and implementation of its Aid for Trade (AfT). Trade SWAp has three main strategic “Pillars”. Each pillar captures key indicative areas for reform and progress to support the development of Cambodia’s trade sector. Specially, Pillar 2 focuses on strengthening the export supply capacity of 19 potential sectors (products and services) identified in the Cambodia Trade Integration Strategy 2007 (CTIS 2007).
2. In February 2014, the finding of Cambodia’s Diagnostic Trade Integration Strategy (CTIS) and Trade SWAp Roadmap 2014-2018 was officially launched. This reflects efforts by the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) to take stock of important development in the country’s trade sector since the previous CTIS 2007 and to update Cambodia’s strategy and directions for trade integration into global and regional market. This CTIS 2014-2018 is mainly guided recommended by three principles: updating and strengthening Cambodia’s Trade SWAp, incorporating Government capacity built since 2007 to lead the updating of CTIS Trade SWAp Road Map, and identifying new challenges and incorporating new priorities for RGC for trade development into Trade SWAp.
3. Consequently, the Trade SWAp’s vision is the following: “In the next ten years, the RGC will be increasingly valued for its integrity, for its capacity to articulate and implement trade policies and strategies in consultation with all trade stakeholders and for its ability to enforce trade regulations aiming at strengthening competitiveness in existing export industries and at promoting export diversification”. The vision will be pursued by maximizing the benefit of AfT and enhancing policy dialogue with the private sector, civil society and development partners.
4. The main purpose of this consultancy services is to help the Ministry of Commerce to carry out a comprehensive analysis of the efficiency, effectiveness and potential impact of CEDEP II after 18 months (mid-term-August 2015) in order to define ways and means to improve its implementation to reach its stated objective of trade diversification and expansion.
5. For that purpose, the Ministry of Commerce is seeking the support of **one** individual **Lead International Consultant** to conduct Cambodia’s mid-term evaluation in line with OECD/DAC evaluation criteria and the recommendations of the EIF/ES¹ the effectiveness of the current Trade SWAp structure and implementation and make recommendations on ways and means to improve its efficiency.
6. The Consultant will be based in DICO, MoC (DICO is acting as the Trade SWAp Secretariat, National Implementation Unit of the EIF and Executive Agency of the Trade Development Support Program). She/he will work under the general direct supervision and guidance of the EIF Focal Point and in collaboration with the NIU Director and the EIF Program Manager (EIF PM). The consultant’s assignment is expected to be for a maximum of 30 (thirty) working days, most of them in-country of

¹ EIF/ES, *Mid-Term Project Evaluation Guidance Note (2012)*

Cambodia. International travel is needed as part of this assignment, unless the selected consultant currently resides in Cambodia.

7. Qualifications to be quantitatively evaluated (scored):
 - Master Degree in International Trade, International Economics or Development Studies;
 - At least 8 years of relevant professional work experience in monitoring and evaluation works in developing countries;
 - Proven experience in developing and evaluating strategies, programme and project documents in the context of trade-related technical assistance projects and programmes, with strong focus on Aid Effectiveness;
 - Good knowledge of trade, particularly Aid for Trade, sector-specific issues, and development issues; good understanding of the EIF will be an added advantage;
 - Proven experience in working with Governments and networking with national and international stakeholders, preferably in Asian LDCs in the area of trade mainstreaming and trade related technical assistance;
 - Knowledge of, and experience in, applying qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods;
 - Data analysis and interpretation skills; and
 - Good report writing skills;
 - Familiarity with donor agencies procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation practices and in the use of basket funds, trust funds and budget support for development projects; and
 - Proficiency in written and spoken English.
8. The national consultant should work with the international consultant to conduct an independent evaluation of Cambodia's CEDEP II project, during the 1st quarter of 2016. The final report shall be delivered before 29, February 2016.
9. In submitting their expressions of interest, consultants are kindly requested to indicate the following reference: Ref: EIF/2015/031. Interested consultants must provide their updated curriculum vitae, indicating personal and technical skills, academic qualifications, experience in similar assignments, 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.
10. Interested consultants may obtain copies of the detailed Terms of Reference (in English) for the assignment by sending a request by Email or 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.
11. Expressions of interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **26th October 2015 (before 17:00 hours)**.

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