



# Advance Contracting Notice

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**Date:** 29 June 2018

**Country/Borrower:** Lao PDR / Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic

**Title of Proposed Project:** 48409-LAO: Climate-Friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project

**Name and Address of Executing Agency:**

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
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**Brief Description of the Project:**

The project is aligned with the government's Agricultural Development Strategy to 2025 with the following impact: agricultural competitiveness improved. Outcome will be productive and resource-efficient agribusiness value chains developed in Vientiane Capital, Champasak, and Sekong provinces.

**Brief Description of Goods and Consulting Services to be Procured:**

Goods:

- Office equipment/furniture for the executing agency (National Project Management Office) and the provincial project implementing units (PPIU)/district project implementation units (DPIU).
- Vehicles for NPMO and project provinces
- Motorcycles for PPIUs and DPIUs

Consulting services:

- Project Implementation Consultant - The firm will (i) provide management and technical assistance to the executing agency and implementing agencies in the implementation of the project and meet the reporting and procedural requirements of ADB; (ii) carry out feasibility studies and supervise construction of the subprojects; (iii) assist in project performance monitoring and evaluation; (iv) develop and implement the capacity building master plan; (v) implement policy research studies and pilot activities; and (vi) ensure adequate provision for compliance with social and environmental safeguards, including monitoring and review during the construction and post-construction period. Expected duration is for 72 months.
- Financial Management Entity – The firm will evaluate and recommend grant applications from agribusiness enterprises in conformity with agreed financial support evaluation

criteria and percentage contributions by beneficiaries and the project towards overall subprojects. The FME will also assist in providing awareness and capacity building in green finance instruments, as agreed with the executing agency, to Lao PDR financial institutions committed to supporting the agribusiness sector. Expected duration is for 66 months.

- Start-up Consultants - Two individual consultants will be recruited to assist NPMO with start-up activities: (i) international project management specialist, and (ii) national project management & coordination specialist. The experts will assist the National Project Director to ensure effective management and coordination of the project. Expected duration are 6 months and 60 months respectively