

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
Ministry of Education and Sports
Global Partnership for Education II Project (GPE II)
Grant No.: TF018969 Sector: Education

LOCAL LAO-ENGLISH TRANSLATOR

The Lao PDR Second Global Partnership for Education Project (GPE II) is a program is managed and implemented by the Lao PDR's Ministry of Education and Sports. The program is financed through a US\$ 16.8 million grant from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), approved on April 14, 2015 and effective since June 4, 2015. The GPE II grant's supervision has been entrusted to the World Bank, acting as GPE Grant Agent (GA) under the oversight of the Lao PDR Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) and the GPE coordinating agencies (CA) in Lao PDR – UNICEF, the European Union (EU) and the Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

The ECU is now seeking a Lao-English Translator /Interpreter for provision of translation services throughout the program cycle. Translation will involve face to face translation for workshop and meetings as well as documents translation from Laos to English and from English to Laos. Face to face interactions will be scheduled ahead of time, however, the bulk of the work involving documents translation will not follow a strict timeline. Availability for continuous support for several days per week and responding and delivering on short notice should be considered a key feature of the assignment.

The estimated level of effort for this assignment is 300 person-days within the period of September 2018 - December 2020, with specific allocation of days across months and calendar years to be determined. The Consultant will be hired on a part-time (retainer) basis and will be called upon to assist ECU in accordance with the timeline of the Reading Program Implementation, as and when required.

In order to be considered for the position, candidates should meet the following qualifications and experience requirements:

- Bachelor degree in a relevant field;
- Excellent command of Laotian and English language;
- 5 years of experience in providing translation services for face to face interaction and for written documents;
- Experience in translating education materials is an advantage (teacher training, publishing, textbook production);
- Ability to travel across Laos to support the supervision team;
- Good command of Microsoft office.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's Guidelines "Selection and Employment of Consultants", Individual Consultants (IC) selection method. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 and revised June, 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. **In order to apply for the position, the candidates shall request the Application Form from the ECU, which can be sent via e-mail.**

GPE2 Project now invites interested eligible consultants to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (curriculum vitae with expressions of interest and references). **Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by August 7, 2018, 16:00 o'clock.** Only Short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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