

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1 THE SERVICES

1.1 The Contractor shall provide the following Services for Joint Review Mission and Final Evaluation for the Lao Road Maintenance Project Phase II (RMP-II):

- (a) Conduct desk study appraisal of the recent Aide Memoire (AM) submitted by the World Bank in January 2010 and other project documentation as provided from time to time by AusAID.
- (b) On behalf of AusAID, participate as a full team member in the joint World Bank/ SIDA/ Japan completion mission including site visits, if required, and meetings with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport.
- (c) In addition to contributing to the World Bank completion evaluation of RMP-II, report separately to AusAID - using the AusAID Independent Completion Report (ICR) methodology - on the effectiveness of the RMP-II's aid modality with a particularly focusing on: Did MPWT show effective leadership of RMP-II? How effective was the single comprehensive program and budget framework in achieving RMP-II's PDOs? Did the planned processes for co-ordination and harmonisation of donor procedures for reporting, budgeting, financial management and procurement work well? Did efforts to increase the use of local systems for program design and implementation, financial management, monitoring and evaluation achieve good development impacts?
- (d) Evaluate key achievements of project objectives in each component against milestone outline in the Lao Program Performance Assessment Framework.
- (d) Based on documents and evaluation question guidelines provided, field observations/interview and outcomes of meetings with the WB country team and government partners, prepare recommendations on key priority areas for future potential Australian in the Lao transport sector.
- (e) If required, prepare for and participate in teleconference with AusAID to discuss draft independent completion report or project management matters.