## **Request for Expression of Interest**

Client: Department of Trade, Ministry of Commerce (MoC)

Country: Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Project: Myanmar Services Trade Enhancement Project (M-STEP)

Position Title: National Expert for Statistic Generation on Trade in Services & National Expert for the establishment of Public Private Dialogue Mechanism

Contract Type: Individual Consultant (4 Months (Maximum 120 Work Load Days during the Project Period))

Reference No. (as per procurement plan): P20-19 and P21-19

The Department of Trade (DoT), Ministry of Commerce (MoC), Republic of the Union of Myanmar had received a three year grant under the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) partnership for LDCs, hosted by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The DoT is implementing a project namely, Myanmar Services Trade Enhancement Project (M–STEP) on services enhancement in Myanmar under EIF Tier–2 Project, with a focus on services landscape enhancement. MoC, an implementing agency, for this project, intends to apply a portion of the process of this grant for Consulting Services.

Under the EIF Tier-2 Project, the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Commerce invites eligible Individual Consultant to express his/ her interest in providing his/ her services as **National Expert for Statistic Generation on Trade in Services** and **National Expert for the establishment of Public Private Dialogue Mechanism**.

The National Expert for Statistic Generation on Trade in Services shall be responsible for providing advisory support to access current needs, bottlenecks and prepare a statistics software on Trade in Services (TIS) by using best international practices with supportive consultancy services to develop procedures for the generation of TIS statistics.

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications and experiences:

- Minimum Bachelor Degree or Master Degree in Economics majored in Statistics, Development Studies, International Trade;
- Minimum 5 years of field experience in respective areas;
- Previous work experience for Asia or Pacific Regions;
- Good knowledge of FTAs especially in Trade in Services Agreements, through prior exposure (studies, reports);
- Knowledge of services contributions to GDP, employments, exports (sectors, sub-sectors and destinations) in the national statistics;
- Good understanding of key services for export diversification: IT, telecommunications, Logistics, E-commerce, Distribution and related sub-sectors;
- Good knowledge about information technology especially statistical software;
- Proven experience in working with Governments and networking with national and

international stakeholders, preferably in the area of Service Trade;

- Data analysis and interpretation skills;
- Good report writing skills in Myanmar and English;
- Proven capacity to manage teams effectively and deliver under tight timelines;
- Proven experience in leading multi-stakeholder consultations with government and other stakeholders in developing countries;
- Able to work through virtual system during COVID 19 period and also able to work in person (at the assigned places) when the situation is recovered;

National Expert for the establishment of Public Private Dialogue Mechanism shall be responsible for providing expertise for the establishment of PPDs Mechanism by accessing current needs, bottlenecks on services trade liberalization and job creation in the services sectors by using best international practices with supportive consultancy services through PPDs and linking to the assessment of services trade statistic.

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications and experiences:

- Minimum Bachelor Degree or Master Degree in Economics majored Development Studies, Information Technology and International Trade;
- Minimum 5 years of field experience in respective areas;
- Previous work experiences in the field of PPDs platforms;
- Good knowledge of FTAs especially in Trade in Services agreement, through prior exposure (studies, reports);
- Good Knowledge of other countries' successful PPDs Mechanism;
- Good understanding of key services export sectors of Myanmar;
- Proven experience in networking with Public and Private Sectors and communicating with national and international stakeholders, preferably in the area of Service Trade;
- Good Management and Analytical skills;
- Good report writing skills in Myanmar and English;
- Proven capacity to manage teams effectively and deliver under tight timelines;
- Proven experience in consultations with multi stakeholders both Public and Private in developing countries;
- Able to work through virtual system during COVID 19 period and also able to work in person (at the assigned places) when the situation is recovered;

The candidates will be selected in accordance with the consultant selection method set out in the Tender Rules of selling assets, leasing, purchasing services, purchasing goods and construction works for Government Agencies released by Presidential Office Directive (1/2017) and recommendation from Trust Fund Manager (UNOPS) and EIF ES.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday). Interested consultants may obtain copies of the detailed Terms of Reference (in English) for the assignment from the address below during office hours. Expression of interest must be delivered with mailing or sending documents in hard copy followed by an electronic copy to the address below latest by **30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 before 4:30 pm**.

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