**The Restructuring for a Competitive Viet Nam Project**

**Terms of Reference for Study on Monitoring and Evaluating the implementation of the Master plan of Economic Restructuring**

**(National Consultant)**

# Background

The Restructuring for a Competitive Vietnam Project (the RCV Project) (2014-2016) supports implementation of selected elements of the Government Master Plan on Economic Restructuring (MPER, 2013-2020). MPER goals supported by RCV are to:

* Increased national economic competitiveness.
* Accelerated growth in labour productivity, employment and incomes.
* Improved transparency in business regulation and reduce corruption.

The project will help the Government of Vietnam (GoV) achieve these objectives via three targeted components and a flexible fund to respond to emerging priority issues linked to the economic restructuring program. The three components are:

* Enhanced business competitiveness and transparency;
* Restructuring competition institutions in line with international commitments.
* Restructuring the rural economy to increase value added.

The Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM) is the lead agency responsible for overall project delivery. The President of CIEM is the RCV Project Director (NPD).

# Objectives of this Consultant Input

This study will be used as inputs for the overall periodical reports of economic restructuring submitted to the Government in 2015. The main objectives of this study is

* To establish method, framework and indicators to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the MPER;
* To provide policy makers, local authority, entrepreneurs and the public the progress has been made in implementing the MPER, including the concrete progress made with institutional reforms;
* To identify successes, failures and lessons from the economic restructuring process and the reasons for those successes and failures;
* To recommend on priority actions to ensure more effective MPER implementation, including clear priorities for reforming institutions to make them more market friendly.

RCV support will help to: (i) consolidate the evidences on these issues; (ii) improving public policy dialogue on key restructuring issues; and (iii) make sure the monitoring and evaluating are unbiased and efficient.

# Methodology

The consultant will:

* Review the MPER, the MPER progress reports, and related documents.
* Consult with agencies responsible for implementing the various MPER components in three provinces in three regions
* Consult with senior researchers working on economic restructuring issues.
* Research, collect, and compile other relevant research and other information relating to MPER implementation.
* Establish indicators for monitoring and evaluating the MPER progress, especially in banking sector, State-owned enterprises and in public investment.
* Prepare detailed report on MPER Implementation covering:
	+ A brief summary of MPER objectives and targets
	+ Methodology and approach in building up indicators for monitoring and evaluating the MPER progress
	+ MPER Performance: Progress Relative to targets
	+ Key MPER achievements, including the substantive institutional reforms that have been achieved under MPER.
	+ Bottlenecks in MPER implementation, specifically:
		- Highlight the key areas where there has been limited progress.
		- Explain the factors that are making the restructuring difficult to achieve.
		- Identify options for overcoming the difficulties.
* Recommended actions to Improve MPER Implementation, with clear and specific recommendations on changes needed to ensure more market friendly institutions, policies and/or regulations..

# Deliverables and Timing

The consultant will deliver:

* *An inception report* with detailed proposed methodology, annotated report outline, list of proposed meetings, and other relevant issues to be agreed with the RCV task manager (within a week of contract signing).
* *Draft report* in line with the format and timing agreed during the inception phase. RCV will organize peer reviewers to comment on report, and suggest areas for improvement. The main report should be no more than 40 pages (additional supporting information can be attached to the main report.)
* *Draft 4-page policy brief*. Summarize key ideas and recommendations in a format that would be readily accessible by the mass media and public. To be submitted a week after the main report.
* *Consultative/Information Dissemination workshops*: The consultants will present initial findings to workshops to be organized by RCV 1 Project Management Unit. Peer reviewers of the draft report will also be asked to present and discuss feedback during this workshop (*timing agreed during inception*).
* *Final report and policy brief*. Finalize, taking account feedback from RCV experts, peer reviewers, and any other consultative processes. Summarize the main issues resulting from the peer review process and the way these issues were addressed in the final report (*Within 2 weeks of the 2nd workshop*).

All reports must be submitted electronically (in PDF and Word format) to the national component director and the CIEM component management unit. The final report must also be submitted as a hard copy.

# Inputs

The following consultant inputs will be needed:

* Senior economic development expert: *40 working days*
* The Project will cover expenses for field visits and workshops with separate Term of Reference.

# Direction

The consultants will be responsible to the Component Director. The component management unit will be the main point for ongoing guidance and support.

# Consultant Qualifications

* The consultant will need to have:
* Post graduate qualifications in economics, business, sociology, political science, public administration or other relevant subject.
* At least twelve years of experience supporting policy and institutional change and development.
* Familiarity with economic restructuring and development issues.
* Strong analytical and policy report writing capacity.
* Proven capacity meet and interview senior public and private officials.
* Proven skills in evidence based economic policy analysis.
* The consultant will be responsible for:
* Overseeing the organization and conduct of interviews with key stakeholders.
* Managing implementation of the study and inputs of all consultants.
* Preparation and quality assurance of all the required reports.
* Presentation and discussion of report to workshop.
* Finalizing reports taking account of feedback received, including summary of all feedback and how this was addressed (if at all) in the report. Reasons should be given if the feedback was not addressed in the report.

# Application Requirements

Consultants wishing to be considered for the role should submit:

* A detailed CV demonstrating the experience specified above.
* Full contact details including telephone and email.

**Submissions should be made as soon as possible, but at the very latest by no later than the 15th August 2014 to**:

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