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Deadline For Application: 16 August 2017

JOB TITLE: Agricultural Economist (AE) - Rice Loss Assessment –
Extent, Causes, Solutions

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Personal Services Agreement

DUTY STATION: Vientiane with frequent travel to
Savannakhet province

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FALAO

DURATION: 20 days on WAE (from Aug to Nov
2017)

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**Qualified female applicants are encouraged to apply.
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Organizational Setting

Being important food products in the country, rice as the subsector has been selected for studying in Savannakhet Province in the framework of the FAO-RAP based project "Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction- FMM/GLO/118/MUL". The Agricultural Economist (AE) will work with a Subsector and Postharvest Specialist (SS) and a Gender Specialist (GS) on this assignment together as a team of consultants. The subsector specialists will lead the team. The consultants will work in collaboration with the Loss Analysis Team Members of NAFRI and other partners.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Economist will work under the overall administrative supervision of FAO Representative in Lao PDR, and the direct supervision of the Assistant FAOR (Programme), and the overall technical supervision of the Senior Food Systems Officer (LTO) in RAP Bangkok, in close collaboration with the International Food Loss and Waste Consultant, FAORAP; the project team, beneficiary and the FAO Partner Case Study Team of NAFRI.

Technical Focus

The main objective of this study is a clear view of the weak points of the food supply chains, and the identification of interventions to reduce food losses and improve the FSC efficiency. The specific objective of this study is the identification of the main causes and indicative quantitative data of food losses in the food supply chain, and the analysis of the measures to reduce food losses on their technical and economic feasibility as well as social acceptability, leading to concrete proposals to implement a food loss reduction programme.

Tasks and responsibilities

The agricultural economist will undertake activities under the following sub-headings:

- A. Specific supply chains selection and prepare study implementation plan
- B. Primary data and information collection in the relevant field
- C. Data analysis and synthesis towards development of a rice loss reduction strategy

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- University degree (Master's degree preferable) in agricultural economics/ agri-business/agricultural engineering/agriculture/statistics/ business administration or relevant fields
- Knowledge and demonstrated experience in agricultural economics/agri-business/agricultural engineering fields for 5-7 years or more of progressively responsible work experience demonstrating experience conducting business analysis and integration programming, including on-the-ground participatory approaches to research
- Strong English language written and oral communication skills

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Knowledge of cost-benefit analysis, enterprise planning, agri-business concepts, post-harvest operations of agricultural crops and experience in agricultural commodity value chains
- Capacity building expertise; Experience in training, organizing and facilitating training of small holder farmers, understanding farmer institutional development and participatory research methodologies.
- Knowledge/experience of FAO and government development work; Evidence of having undertaken similar assignments in the last 5 years
- Knowledge and experience of farming system in the Savannakhet Province. Understanding of social and cultural setting knowledge of the local language;

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
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