

Scope of Grant Funding

Grant funding can be made available upon: i) the review and approval by the EPF, and ii) the availability of PICE grant. To ensure that the proposals contribute towards the overall objectives of the PICE Window, basic selection criteria being applied include:

- Contribution of the proposal to the objectives of the PICE window and its activities.
- Complementarities with environmental capacity building measures being implemented in other projects. Duplication of efforts already underway will not be supported.
- Proposals for activities will be considered according to their appropriateness to the current stage of implementation of new and priority policies.
- Demonstrated commitment of staff time and resources by implementing partners to ensure successful implementation.
- Clear and assessable outputs and results.
- Feasibility of delivering outputs with the resources proposed.

Existing Grant System

Through the PICE Window, the EPF is providing two types of grants:

- Smaller grants (US\$10,000): Proposed activities shall be implemented in the time period of not more than one year. The proposals of this grant can be either from local (district, provincial) and national levels.
- Larger grant (>US\$10,000): Proposed activities could be implemented in the time period up to 2010 and

Organization

The EPF, established in 2005 as a financially and administratively autonomous organization, aims at strengthening environmental protection, sustainable natural resources management, biodiversity conservation, and community development in Lao PDR.

Day-to-day management and implementation of the PICE Window has been delegated to the LEnS Window Management Unit (WMU), established under the EPF Executive Office. Policy and Technical Guidance is provided by the inter-ministerial PSC, Chaired by the Vice-President of STEA.

Submittal and Inquiries:

Proposals may be submitted at any time. Final proposals must at least include one of the standard LENS application forms. These include:

- Standard Application Form for Smaller PICE Grants (10,000 US\$),
- Standard Application Form for Larger PICE Grants (> 10,000 US\$).

LENS application forms are available from the LEnS WMU and from the EPF Website.

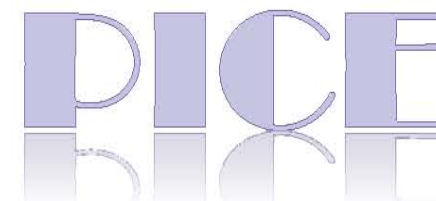
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Environment Protection Fund

Lao Environment and Social (LEnS) Project

Guidelines for the Preparation of Proposals for the '**Policy Implementation and Capacity Enhancement**' Financing Window



Introduction

The Environment Protection Fund (EPF) has established a 'Policy Implementation and Capacity Enhancement' (PICE) specialized financing window to support its goal to strengthen the management of environmental and social issues in the use of natural assets in Lao PDR for enhancing quality of growth and reducing poverty. Through the PICE Window, the EPF aims to support activities and initiatives related to:

- Environmental and social monitoring and policy implementation support (Safeguard monitoring support),
- Integrated River Basin Management,
- Hydropower Sector Policy Support,
- Social Safeguards Management (resettlement policy support),
- Environmental Education and Awareness.

The PICE Window is supported through funding from the Government of Lao PDR and the World Bank as part of the Lao PDR Environment and Social (LEnS) Project.



