



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/ Borrower: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Title of Project: Grant Nos. 0521/0522/0523-AFG: Energy Supply Improvement Investment Program (Tranche 2)

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will expand power imports from Turkmenistan through an asynchronous power interconnection, establish a unified power grid in Afghanistan, and extend the power grid into central Afghanistan. The 500-MW converter station will allow Turkmen power into the Afghan grid under the ten-year power purchase and sales agreement signed in November 2015. The Doshi-Bamyan line will expand the grid to eight additional provinces, distribute power to nearly 150,000 people, and provide redundancy to the existing transmission network. The project has transmission and distribution system linkages with several projects assisted by ADB and other development partners. The project is fully aligned with the National Energy Supply Program of the Government of Afghanistan.

Brief Description of Works and Consulting Services to be Procured:

Under tranche 2 of the investment program, three turnkey contracts (i.e. HVDC B2B Converter Station at Dashte Alwan, 220-kV Transmission Line from Doshi to Bamyan, 220/20-kV Substation in Bamyan, 20,000 Connections Distribution Network in Bamyan), will be procured under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

It is expected that bidding for the first turnkey contract will commence in Q1 2017.