Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 20 December 2013

Country/Borrower: Republic of Azerbaijan

Title of Proposed Project: Road Network Development Program – Tranche 4

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

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Brief Description of the Project:

The Tranche 4 Project is a high priority of the government and is included in the Road Network Development Program for 2006–2015 under the Transport Sector Development Strategy. It forms part of the country’s primary east–west highway linking the capital, Baku, to the Georgian border. However, several bridges have reached critical condition and the road sections are in a poor state of repair, resulting in high transport costs, long delivery times, and high road accident rates. This constitutes an impediment to non-oil sector growth and poverty reduction in Azerbaijan, as well as impairing the development of regional trade. Reconstruction of these bridges and improvement of local roads will promote national and regional trade, thus contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the State Program on Poverty Reduction and Economic Development.

The proposed project will reconstruct four 2-lane bridges with an aggregate length of 317 meters, and rehabilitate local roads with an aggregate length of 30 kilometers, as per Azerbaijan’s standards and best practices. Project implementation support will be provided to the executing agency through design review and construction supervision consultant.

The project is classified as category B for environment, and category C for involuntary resettlement and indigenous peoples. The draft IEE was disclosed on the ADB website on 6 November 2013 and the due diligence report was disclosed on the ADB website on 28 October 2013.
Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured and Retroactive Financing:

ADB has approved the Government's request for advance contracting to expedite project implementation. Advance contracting includes: (i) 2 works contracts through international competitive bidding (ICB) procedure, (ii) 1 works contract through national competitive bidding (NCB) procedure, and (iii) 1 consulting services contract (firm) for design review and construction supervision (90 international and 80 national person-months) through the quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) procedure (90:10 ratio) with full technical proposal. The advance contracting will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time) and ADB’s Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

Date of Advance Contracting and Retroactive Financing Approval: 6 December 2013

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