Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 13 May 2014

Country/Borrower: Republic of Azerbaijan

Title of Proposed Project: Second Road Network Development Investment Program, Tranche 2

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Brief Description of Project

The Tranche 2 Project is for the construction of new motorway between Jalilabad and Shorsulu and sector capacity development. It forms part of the country’s primary north–south highway linking the country’s capital, Baku, to the neighboring countries. Construction of the proposed motorway section completes the southern corridor and 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 outputs of Tranche 2 will be (i) around 30 km of the newly constructed motorway from Shorsulu to junction to east of Jalilabad; (ii) further improved program and project management, and implementation capacity of ARS; and (iii) improved transport sector governance through mainstreaming of road safety audits and improvements, development of road and pavement standards and guidelines, and development of performance-based maintenance contracts/concessions.

The Project is classified as category ‘A’ for environment, and category ‘B’ for involuntary resettlement, and category ‘C’ for indigenous peoples. An environmental impact assessment (EIA) report was prepared and disclosed on the ADB website in 2012. A due diligence report was prepared in July 2013, and the LARP was reviewed and updated in March 2014.
Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works, or Consulting Services to be Procured and Related Justification for Advance Action:

ADB has approved the Government's request for advance contracting to expedite project implementation. Advance contracting includes: (i) 1 works contract through international competitive bidding (ICB) procedure, and (ii) 1 consulting services contract (firm) for construction supervision (100 international and 50 national person-months) through the quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) procedure (90:10 ratio) with full technical proposal.

Date advance action approved: 10 April 2014