Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Bangladesh

Title of Proposed Project: 40540-BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation
Dhaka–Northwest Corridor Road Project, Phase 2

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Brief Description of the Project:
The Investment Program will improve the road connectivity and efficiency of Dhaka–Northwest international trade corridor. Three outputs will be delivered under the Investment Program: (i) upgrading about 190 km of Dhaka–Northwest international trade corridor phase 2 (Elenga–Hatikumrul–Rangpur), (ii) establishing a road operation and training center and road operation units for the Dhaka-Northwest international trade corridor, and (iii) additional financing to cover the cost overrun of the ongoing SASEC Road Connectivity Project for upgrading 70 km of Dhaka-Northwest international trade corridor phase 1 (Joydepur–Elenga). A transaction technical assistance (TA) for updating the road master plan will be provided together with the first tranche.

Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured and Retroactive Financing:

All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Guidelines (April 2015, as amended from time to time). All consultants will be recruited according to ADB’s Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (March 2013, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting and retroactive financing will be considered and used to expedite the project implementation.

The proceeds of the loan are intended to be used for the procurement of the following through international competitive bidding procedure: (i) Works contracts: Widening, improvement, and/or rehabilitation of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-lane highway and the construction of Road Operation and Training Center, (ii) Consulting services from firms and individual

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consultants to assist the project implementation unit in project management, contract administration, and capacity development programs. The consulting services under the TA will support the government in (i) updating the road master plan, (ii) enhancing the capacity of RHD and LGED on planning, and (iii) facilitating and monitoring the key project implementation, such as procurement and land acquisition.

It is expected that the recruitment process for project management consultants will commence in Q1 2017. It is expected that bidding for the first works contract will commence in Q1 2017. It is expected that the recruitment process for TA consultants will commence in Q3 2017.

Interested bidders from ADB member countries who wish to obtain additional information may contact the above-mentioned officer.