Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 11 January 2021

Country/Borrower: Bangladesh

Title of Proposed Project: 53382-BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka–Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

The Project Director (ACE, RHD)  
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Brief Description of the Project:

The Government of Bangladesh intends to apply for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the SASEC Dhaka–Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project (the investment project).

The investment project will finance improvement of the 208.9 km Dhaka-Sylhet section of the existing National Highway No. 2 (NH2) from a two-lane road into four lanes, with service lanes on both sides. By connecting to the borders with India via the Sylhet-Tamabil section, the investment project will improve connectivity of the Dhaka-Sylhet-Tamabil international trade corridor. The investment project will also improve the geometric design of the existing alignment at major control points such as sharp curves and commercial and residential centers, in line with engineering best practice. This will contribute to increased efficiency, connectivity, and safety, bringing the design of the corridor to internationally comparable level. The design of the road will have enhanced features for safety, elderly, women, children, and differently abled inclusion, and disaster and climate change resilience to ensure sustainability, accessibility, and undistrupted connectivity. The investment project will also assist the Road and Highways Department, the Executing Agency, in strengthening its capacity for road safety and post construction maintenance, through the attached transaction technical assistance.

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

All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (July 2017, as amended from time to time).
The proceeds of the loan are intended to be used for the procurement of the following using open competitive bidding procedure. The items below are indicative for the purposes of this advance contracting notice, and specific procurement notices will be issued later.

i. Project Implementation Consultant contract for design review, tender assistance, and construction supervision of various road contract packages;

ii. Consulting service contracts for firms for supporting enhanced road safety and road operation and maintenance;

iii. Consulting service contracts for individual consultants to assist a dedicated Project Implementation Unit within RHD in procurement and contract administration, safeguards monitoring, gender and social inclusion, and financial management;

iv. Works contracts for upgrading of the project road;

v. Works contracts for enhanced road safety features;

vi. Goods contracts for enhanced road safety and maintenance features; and


It is expected that bidding for the various contracts for executing SASEC Dhaka–Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project and recruitment of a Project Implementation Consultant will commence in Q1-2021.

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