Advance Contracting Notice

**Date:** 3 June 2022

**Country/Borrower:** Bhutan

**Title of Proposed Project:** 42173-017 BHU: Water Flagship Program Sector Project

**Name and Address of Executing Agency:**

- **Executing Agency:** Ministry of Works and Human Settlement
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**Brief description of project:**

The proposed project will support government’s investments in drinking water supply and irrigation under the Water Flagship Program (WFP) to improve water performance across one municipality and two districts. This will also assist Bhutan in developing its water sector by financing a part of the investments of the national WFP (sector development plan). It is aligned with the following impacts: (i) sustainable water achieved; and (ii) food self-sufficiency and nutrition security enhanced. The outcome of the project will be access to safe, efficient, reliable, sustainable, and inclusive drinking water and irrigation services improved in the project area. The outputs are: (i) disaster- and climate-resilient drinking water supply and irrigation infrastructure developed and/or upgraded, (ii) capacity and awareness of institutions and local communities in safe, sustainable, and climate-resilient water management and sanitation strengthened, and (iii) climate smart water management system established.

The project is estimated to cost $23 million with ADB’s loan financing of $14 million and with proposed grant amounting to $8 million.

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1 Project area included Thimphu municipality (Thromde), Wangdue Phodrang, Zhemgang, districts (Dzongkhag) of Bhutan.
Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured:

All advance contracting and retroactive financing will be undertaken in conformity with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time), and Procurement Regulations for ADB. Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) using ADB Standard Bidding Documents. While advance contracting is part of the normal procedure, approval of advance contracting and retroactive financing does not commit ADB to approve the loan/grant project or to finance the project costs. If retroactive financing will not be approved for the project, contracts procured under advance action will be signed after loan and grant effectiveness. Target advertisement period for the packages under advance contracting is second to third quarter of 2022.

Advance contracting under the project will include the following:

- Project Management and Supervision Consultant (Firm)
- Transmission line from Taba/Dechencholing WTP/water source to Upper Pamthsho and distribution network at Pamthsho WTP and drinking network
- Water Treatment Plant for Thimphu Pamthsho with 1 year Operation & Maintenance (O&M)
- Construction of Integrated Drinking Water and Irrigation for System for Zhemgang
- Efficiency and Resilience Improvement Measures for Irrigation and Drinking Water Supply in Zhemgang
- Construction of Integrated Drinking Water and Irrigation System for Hetshotsamchu
- Efficiency and Resilience Improvement Measures for Irrigation and Drinking Water Supply in Hetshotsamchu
- Design and Install Climate Smart Water Management System