Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 7 September 2016

Country/Borrower: Kingdom of Bhutan

Title of Proposed Project: 44240-BHU: Thimphu Road Improvement Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

Department of Engineering Services
Ministry of Works and Human Settlement
Royal Government of Bhutan
Thimphu, Bhutan

Brief Description of the Project:

The Thimphu Road Improvement Project, which is expected to be grant-financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), will complement the previous and ongoing urban development projects financed by ADB to develop Thimphu, Bhutan's capital. The project will support the repair, resurfacing, and improvement of roads in Thimphu Thromde (municipality), and support municipal government staff's capacity building for operation and maintenance, and asset management.

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

Two civil works packages for the road infrastructure improvement are being prepared for advance contracting. The two packages will be procured through international competitive bidding (ICB; Package 1) and national competitive bidding (NCB; Package 2). Package 1 will have four lots, which will be procured in parallel. The design, drawings, specifications and cost estimates have been prepared by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) based on which advance procurement will be carried out. Bidding documents for Package 1 (ICB) are currently under preparation. Contract award for Package 1 (with four lots) is expected to coincide with the effectiveness of the grant.