



Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 21 August 2020

Country/Borrower: Kingdom of Cambodia

Title of Proposed Project: 53324-CAM: Grid Reinforcement Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

Electricité du Cambodge
#2, St. Preah Yukunthor
Wat Phnom District, Khan Daun Penh
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Brief Description of the Project:

The Grid Reinforcement Project will support Electricite du Cambodge (EDC), the state-owned power utility, to improve transmission network capacity and stability. The project will (i) expand and reinforce the electricity transmission infrastructure by constructing 115 kilovolt (kV) and 230 kV transmission lines and associated substations in Phnom Penh, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Cham, and Takeo provinces; and (ii) introduce as a pilot the first utility-scale battery energy storage system to understand the performance of the technology and assess different business models for (a) renewable capacity firming, (b) ancillary services, and (c) transmission congestions relief and investment deferral as a combined set of services.

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

The following contract packages have been identified for advance contracting to undertake procurement before the loan agreement is signed so that project implementation can commence immediately following loan effectiveness:

- i) Project implementation consultants;
- ii) EPC contracts for substations; and
- iii) EPC contract for transmission lines.

All advance contracting and retroactive financing will be undertaken in conformity with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time)¹ and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time)² using ADB Standard Bidding Documents, issued on June 2018. 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

¹ Available at <https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>.

² Available at <https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-ADB-borrowers>.

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.