Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 03 February 2014

Country/Borrower: India

Title of Proposed Project: SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Program (47341)

The Government of India intends to apply for loans from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Program.

The investment program will rehabilitate and upgrade about 500 km of regional connectivity roads, which is part of the Asian Highways, SAARC Highway Corridors or their alternate routes. It will cover both national highways and state roads. The upgrading will be mainly 2-laning with paved shoulders, together with safety features including construction of flyovers at busy junctions and bypasses for smooth thorough traffic. Some sections will be widened to 4 lanes to serve future traffic. Performance-based maintenance will be undertaken for 5 years after construction.

The investment program has two outputs:

(i) Road improvement; and
(ii) Manipur Public Works Department (MPWD) capacity development and implementation support.

The executing agency for the national highways subprojects will be the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The executing agency for state roads subprojects in the State of Manipur and MPWD capacity development will be the State of Manipur acting through Manipur Public Works Department. The executing agencies will carry out the investment program in accordance with the principles set forth in Schedule 1 to this FFA, and as supplemented in the legal agreements for each tranche.

The proceeds of the loan are intended to be used for the procurement of the following through international competitive bidding procedure:

(i) Works contracts
   a. national highways
   b. state roads

(ii) Consulting services
   a. Implementation support and capacity development
   b. Construction supervision consultants for state roads
   c. Consulting services for external monitoring of wildlife activities

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It is expected that bidding for the first works contract will commence in Q1 2014. Interested bidders from ADB member countries who wish to obtain additional information may contact the following:

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