



Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 30 October 2020

Country/Borrower: Government of India

Title of Proposed Project: 53264-IND: Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

Executing Agency: State of Maharashtra acting through the MAGNET Society
Address: Mantralaya, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400020

Brief Description of the Project:

The project will enhance incomes of small land-holding farmers in Maharashtra in line with the state government's Vision 2030 by providing holistic agribusiness and value chain support in horticulture. The project will provide (i) institutional capacity enhancement to agribusiness institutions and farmers producer organizations (FPOs), (ii) financial capacity enhancement to FPOs and value chain operators, and (iii) improved horticulture value chain infrastructure. The infrastructure will include women and persons-with-disabilities (PWD) friendly designs and include climate adaptation and mitigation financing.

The Project will:

- Strengthen institutional capacities of agribusiness institutions and farmer producer organizations;
- Strengthen financial and agribusiness capacities of farmer producer organizations and value chain operators; and
- Improve and operationalize agriculture value chain infrastructure.

The project targets 200,000 farmers (through 200 FPOs) and 100 value chain operators.

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

The project will procure the following:

- Construction/rehabilitation of post-harvest facilities (for pre-cooling, cold storage, ripening chambers, and processing)
- Office furniture and equipment
- Consultants for project implementation support and capacity building.

All contracts will be procured in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting will be considered and used to expedite the project implementation. ADB approval of advance contracting will not commit ADB to subsequently approve the project or to finance the procurement costs.

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