



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/ Borrower: India

Title of Proposed Project: 53335-001-IND: Assam Road Network Improvement Project

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Brief Description of the Project:

The Government of India intends to apply for a loan from the Asian Development Bank for the Assam Road Network Improvement Project. The executing agency for the project will be the Public Works Roads Department (PWRD), the Government of Assam.

The project will be aligned with the Government of Assam's Vision 2030: industry's share of employment and state domestic product doubled by 2030. The expected project outcome is increased connectivity, efficiency, safety, comfort, and reliability of the secondary road network in Assam. The project will have the three outputs.

Output 1: The project will upgrade, reconstruct, and/or rehabilitate about 315 km of state highways and major district roads in Assam, including 6 road sections in the western and southern regions of Assam, to enhance (i) inter-district connectivity in Assam; (ii) inter-state connectivity with Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, and Mizoram; and (iii) international connectivity with Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Output 2: The project will support PWRD's institutional development with focus on (i) introduction of new construction practices, (ii) road asset management, and (iii) institutional reform to enhance performance and safeguard operations.

Output 3: The project will (i) undertake road safety audit study on state highways and major district roads in the project regions, (ii) provide road safety education, (iii) prepare gender equality and social inclusion designs, and (iv) conduct road safety improvement works by installing retrofitted structures and facilities such as pedestrian bridges, sidewalk, and traffic lights for pedestrians.

Brief Description of Works and Consulting Services to be Procured:

All procurement of works and services will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (July 2017, as amended from time to time).

The proceeds of the loan are intended to be used for the procurement of the following works and services using open competitive bidding procedure. The items below are indicative for the purposes of this advance contracting notice, and specific procurement notices will be issued later.

Works

- (i) Improvement, upgradation and 5-year performance-based maintenance of the below state highways and major district roads sections:
 - Project Road A03: Chapaguri–Amguri–Bhutan Border (40.776 km)
 - Project Road A04: Jogighopa–Oudubli-Bongaigaon (36.791 km)
 - Project Road A21: Hamren–Tumpreng-Hojai-Hawraghat-Karkok (75.403 km)
 - Project Road A23: Haflong Tiniali–Lower Haflong (90.200 km)
 - Project Road A25: Borkhola–Kalain (21.387 km)
 - Project Road A26: Bhanga–Hailakandi–Dwarbond (47.387 km)

Services

- (ii) Construction supervision consulting services
- (iii) Institutional capacity building consulting services
- (iv) Road safety consulting services

It is expected that bidding for the various contracts under the project will commence from Q4 2021 onwards.

Interested bidders from ADB member countries who wish to obtain additional information may contact the above-mentioned officer.