Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Mongolia

Title of Proposed Project: MFF Urban Transport Development Investment

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Brief Description of the Project:

1. The enforcement of sustainable urban transport in Ulaanbaatar is one of the most important development issues facing the country. As a result of urbanization, Ulaanbaatar grew from some 600,000 people in 1989 to over 1.2 million in 2011, representing 42% of the nation's population (2.8 million). It is estimated that the population of Ulaanbaatar is likely to reach 1.4 million in 2020 and about 1.7 million in 2030. Over the last 20 years, the number of registered vehicles increased by 4.4 times. Unplanned urbanization and the increasing fleet of vehicles have overwhelmed the city's transport system exacerbating congestion and contributing to poor air quality. Transport infrastructure and services in Ulaanbaatar are in poor condition and badly overburdened. Traffic congestion is exacerbated by poor traffic management, insufficient parking management and enforcement, excessive and inappropriate designation of on-street parking spaces, lack of pedestrian facilities, poor driver discipline, and inadequate traffic signaling and control.

2. The impact of the investment program is sustainable and convenient urban transport service provided in Ulaanbaatar. The outcome is efficient, safe, and affordable urban transport services developed in Ulaanbaatar.

3. The project has the following outputs:

   (i) **Project 1.** Outputs to be financed under project 1 will be (i) BRT infrastructure developed: 7.7 km of road improved, the Peace Bridge expanded for BRT, and 14 km of electric trolleybus infrastructure installed (electric wires, feeder cables, and substations) for the BRT system in the north-south corridor of Ulaanbaatar; (ii) a 14 km BRT line introduced in the north-south corridor; (iii) an ITS component installed: BMS; and (iv) resources for project management, detailed engineering design, and institutional development. In addition, ADB plans to prepare and provide technical assistance to help MUB (i) develop a performance based contract for BRT operation; (ii) develop a clean transport policy and investment program for Ulaanbaatar, improved vehicle emission standards, and procure and install emission control equipment; and (iii) improve the public transport management
capacity of the Public Transport Department (PTD).

(ii) **Project 2.** Outputs to be financed under project 2 are expected to be (i) BRT infrastructure and services further expanded, including extension of the BRT corridors (27.9 km) and installation of trolleybus infrastructure (electric wires, feeder cables and substations) in the north-south, east-west and ring road corridors (11.1 km), upgraded bus depots, and procurement of BRT buses and trolleybuses; (ii) traffic management and pedestrian safety program implemented, which will include improving geometry and pedestrian facilities of 10 urban road intersections; (iii) ITS components installed: BIS and e-ticketing system (first phase); and (iv) resources provided for institutional development, detailed engineering design, and project management.

(iii) **Project 3.** Outputs to be financed under project 3 are expected to be (i) further expanded BRT infrastructure, including improved 4.6 km of urban road required for BRT and installation of trolleybus infrastructure (electric wires, feeder cables, and substations) in the east-west corridor; (ii) extended BRT system, including extension of the east-west BRT corridor (22.6 km), construction of BRT bus depots and a bus-rail intermodal hub, and procurement of BRT buses and trolleybuses; (iii) expanded ITS components: BIS and e-ticketing system (second phase); and (iv) provided resources for project management, detailed engineering design, and institutional development.

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

ADB has approved advance contracting and retroactive financing. Advance action includes project management activities and consulting services for detailed engineering design. The advance procurement actions will be undertaken in accordance with ADB’s [Procurement Guidelines](https://www.adb.org) and ADB’s [Guidelines on the Use of Consultants](https://www.adb.org).

**Date of Advance Contracting and Retroactive Financing Approval:** 31 May 2012