Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 17 July 2015

Country/Borrower: Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Title of Proposed Project: Greater Mekong Subregion East West Economic Corridor Eindu to Kawkareik Road Improvement Project (46422-003)

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

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Brief Description of the Project:

The Asian Development Bank (ADB), at the request of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, is considering providing financial assistance for the improvement of 66.4 kilometer (km) of road between Eindu and Kawkareik, in Kayin State. This section of road forms part of the GMS East-West Corridor (EWEC) in Myanmar. Improvements to the road will assist with the growing trade between Myanmar and Thailand by supporting improved connectivity within Kayin State and to Thailand.

The project output will be the improvement of 66.4 km of road between Eindu and Kawkareik. The completed road’s main alignment will have two traffic lanes of 3.5 meter (m) width with 1.5 m wide paved shoulders. The access road to Kyon Doe river port within the project road section, about 0.6 km long, will also be reconstructed, to facilitate transport interchange between the project road and the region’s extensive inland waterway network. The road design speed will be 80 km per hour outside built-up areas, with lower operational speeds in built-up areas for safety reasons. In general, the horizontal alignment of the road will follow the existing centerline. However, to allow higher traffic speeds and to improve road safety, about 15 km of the alignment will deviate from the existing alignment by up to 200m. The road improvement works will also include 22 new bridges and 50 box culverts to improve drainage and water management, especially in the major flood prone areas between Km. 34 and Km. 52.
The Project is classified as category ‘B’ for environment, and category ‘A’ for involuntary resettlement, and category ‘B’ for indigenous peoples.

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

ADB has approved the Government's request for advance contracting to expedite project implementation. Advance contracting includes: (i) two civil works packages for road improvement through international competitive bidding (ICB) procedure, and (ii) a consulting services package for construction supervision and design check, and will include project management and implementation capacity development for government staff (105 international and 786 national person-months) through the quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) procedure (90:10 ratio) with full technical proposal.

1 consulting services contract (firm) for construction supervision (100 international and 50 national person-months) through the quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) procedure (90:10 ratio) with full technical proposal.

Invitation for Bids, and Request for Expressions of Interest for consulting services are expected to be advertised in August 2015.

**Date of Advance Contracting Financing Approval:** 16 December 2014