



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Nauru

Title of Proposed Project: 54377-001-NAU: Preparing the Nauru Sustainable Urban Development Project

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project readiness financing (PRF) will create an enabling environment for the ensuing project, the proposed Nauru Sustainable Urban Development Project, and for the targeted sectors, and help achieve a high-level of readiness for the ensuing project. The PRF has three (3) outputs:

Output 1: Enabling environment for the ensuing project created. Output 1 will (i) recruit consultants to establish and strengthen a project management unit (PMU) within the implementing agency; (b) design and implement a community outreach campaign to foster understanding and broad support and ensure a participatory approach; (c) train the executing and implementing agencies, and the project management unit in safeguards, contract administration, financial management, procurement and gender; (d) develop a roadmap for building urban planning capacity; and (e) develop a whole of island urban development plan and strategy building on coastal risk analysis;

Output 2: Opportunities for urban services optimization, integration and sustainability agreed. Output 2 will (a) review or support the development of strategic documents for water supply, sanitation and solid waste management; (b) support sector coordination; (c) review institutional, regulatory and tariff frameworks and make recommendations; (d) support planning and early implementation of agreed reforms; (e) initiate capacity building of service delivery staff; and (f) develop the institutional strengthening program for the ensuing project. Given Nauru's small size, the output will also prioritize subprojects, identify opportunities to promote a circular economy, and for shared facilities, systems or functions between services to promote efficient use of resources. Output 2 will help ensure that effective institutional arrangements and regulations are in place for operation and maintenance; and

Output 3: Project scope identified, project readiness achieved, and advance procurement activities for the ensuing project completed. Output 3 will (a) identify the scope of the proposed project based on strategic plans; (b) conduct feasibility studies for the proposed investments; (c) undertake the required due diligence; (d) design the ensuing project's water, sanitation, and hygiene program and gender action plan; (e) support strategic procurement planning; (f) complete detailed engineering designs and prepare bidding documents; and (g) support advance procurement actions for the ensuing project.

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

All advance contracting will be undertaken in conformity with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time), and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) using ADB Standard Bidding Documents. While advance contracting is part of the normal procedure, approval of advance contracting does not commit ADB to approve the grant project or to finance the project costs. Retroactive financing will not be used for the PRF. Contracts procured under advance action will be signed after grant effectiveness. Target advertisement period for the packages under advance contracting is on the second quarter of 2021.

Advance contracting under the project will include the following:

- Procurement of PMU Head/Project Manager (individual consultant, national)
- Procurement of Deputy Project Manager/ Utilities Specialist (individual consultant, international)
- Procurement of Project Accountant (individual consultant, international)
- Procurement of Project Preparation Phase 1: Planning and preliminary designs (water supply, sanitation, solid waste management) – (consulting firm)