Procurement Notice:

Invitation for Business Opportunity Seminar: Nepal “Preparing for New Normal”

The Asian Development Bank would like to invite interested contractors (including consultant firms) to an international online workshop for the Nepal Business Opportunity Seminar “Preparing for New Normal” on 25 August 2021.

It will be held jointly with the World Bank. Officials and representatives from Ministry of Finance (MOF), Public Procurement Monitoring Office (PPMO), Federation of Contractors’ Association of Nepal (FCAN), and Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) will participate in the seminar.

Prior to COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, Nepal recorded strong economic performance with an average GDP growth of 7.8 percent for three (3) years. Accordingly, ADB’s lending portfolio to Nepal has been growing. In 2020, ADB committed $859 million for project loans, which is the largest ever in the ADB history. The trend is expected to continue despite COVID-19 outbreak over the last 17 months.

Project information and recent development in procurement will be presented by ADB and the World Bank to international and national contractors, suppliers, and consulting firms.

List of projects to be presented by ADB is as follows:

1. SASEC Mugling-Pokhara Highway Improvement Project Phase 1
2. Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project
3. Priority River Basin Flood Risk Management Project
4. Electricity Grid Modernization Project
5. SAESC Airport Capacity Enhancement Project
6. Disaster Resilience of Schools Project
7. Regional Urban Development Project
8. SAESC Power Transmission and Distribution Systems Strengthening Projects

Similarly, projects to be funded by the World Bank will also be presented.

Interested parties are welcome to raise questions and seek further information. Due to time constraints, responses will be made in later days.
The proposed agenda for the event is:

**Opening Session:**
13:00-13:15 hours    Welcome remarks by ADB, World Bank, Public Procurement Monitoring Office

**Technical Session:**
13:15-13:30 hours    Portfolio in Nepal and Business Opportunities under ADB
                      Presented by ADB

13:30-13:45 hours    Portfolio in Nepal and Business Opportunities in 2021 under the World Bank
                      Presented by the World Bank

13:45-14:00 hours    Initiatives to improve procurement efficiency in ADB financing projects
                      Presented by ADB

14:00-14:15 hours    Digitization of Procurement Process and Impact on Service Delivery
                      Presented by the World Bank

14:15-14:55 hours    Q & A Session

14:55-15:00 hours    Vote of thanks

The seminar details are as follows:

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