



# Advance Contracting Notice

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**Date:** 27 March 2017

**Country/Borrower:** Nepal

**Title of Proposed Project:** 50059-NEP: Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project

**Name and Address of Executing Agency:**

**Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)**

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**Brief Description of the Project:**

The Government of Nepal has applied for a loan from ADB to help finance the cost of the Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project.

The project will enhance the distribution capacity and improve reliability and quality of electricity supply in the Kathmandu Valley by reducing distribution system overloads and technical and commercial losses, and strengthen associated transmission lines through Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA). The project will also support implementation of other system efficiency upgrades and energy efficiency measures such as advanced grid operations software, distribution system automation, and smart metering.

The main outputs of this proposed project will be:

- i. Substation capacity expanded and reinforced to connect high voltage transmission network to the primary distribution networks in Kathmandu Valley; [2 contract packages]
- ii. Kathmandu Valley distribution network rehabilitated and capacity increased; and [1 EPC contract package, multiple lots]
- iii. Operational and financial performance of NEA distribution centers enhanced. Capacity building of NEA staff to operate and manage advanced distribution system, intelligent energy network ("smart grid") technology and end-user awareness programs will be conducted. [1 consulting services package]

**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 will include: (i) preparation of tender documents, (i) evaluation of bids and recruitment of project supervision consultants. The advance contracting will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines.