



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: NEPAL

Title of Proposed Project: 50059-003-NEP: SASEC Power Transmission and Distributing System Strengthening Project (PTDSSP)

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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 System Strengthening Project.

The proposed project is closely aligned with the South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Program to help Nepal in improving its energy security by developing infrastructure and promoting intraregional power trade to reduce costs and import dependence. The upgrading of the existing 220/132kV substations to 400/220/132 kV substations will facilitate hydroelectricity to be transmitted to critical load centers within the country and the excess electricity to be exported to India for power banking. The project also includes rehabilitating and modernizing distribution systems in Kathmandu Valley and outside.

The main outputs of this proposed project will be:

- (a) upgrade 220/132 kilovolt (kV) substations to 400/220/132 kV substations to enable electricity generated from independent power producer (IPPs) plants in the Khimti hydropower corridor to be exported to India;
- (b) construction of three 132/11 kV substations in Teku, Koteshwor, and Thapathali which will increase supply capacity into the Kathmandu Valley
- (c) modernizing and reinforcing four distribution centers around Kathmandu Valley to be able to meet increasing domestic demand for electricity; and
- (d) construction of 33 kV, 11 kV, and 0.4 kV lines and substations to facilitate connection

of approximately 150,000 new customers in Nepal's Province 2 in the country's southeast region

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, (ii) evaluation of bids and recruitment of project supervision consultants. The advance contracting will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017 amended from time to time).

Advance contracting does not commit ADB to finance the contracts. Contracts will be signed after the project is declared effective.