Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 29 March 2016

Country/Borrower: Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Title of Proposed Project: 46378-PAK: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Regional Improving Border Services Project

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will remove the key bottleneck for movement of goods and people through Torkham, Chaman, and Wagha in Pakistan. As part of CAREC’s initiative for trade facilitation, the project will help CAREC countries take advantage of more efficient trade routes through Pakistan, and reciprocally, encourage Pakistan to play a strategic role in creating a larger regional market for intra-CAREC and inter-CAREC trade.

The expected impact of the project will be an increased value of export, import, and transit trade. The expected outcome will be reduced cross-border processing time for goods and cargos in Torkham, Chaman, and Wagha.

The output will be (i) border crossing point infrastructure and facility at Torkham, Chaman, and Wagha, improved to the standard that meets users’ demand for quality border crossing services; (ii) governance structure of national border point management regime and organizational design, management structure, financial and administrative procedures, and financial modeling for the Pakistan Land Port Authority (PLPA) produced and adopted; and (iii) knowledge and skills of border point operating agencies enhanced.

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

Procurement of goods, civil works, and related services financed from the ADB loan will be done in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time) using engineering-procurement-construction contract. For Wagha, the entire works will be tendered.
through international competitive bidding. For Torkham and Chaman, the entire works will be using direct contracting due to difficult access to the sites at the highly security-sensitive areas.

There are four consulting services contracts: (i) project management consultant who will be responsible for overall project management; (ii) supervision consultant to carry out the design review and selection of the equipment and components for the proposed system, supervise construction of facilities and installation of the procurement equipment, conduct required quality assurance, tests and commissioning; (iii) training consultants for Border Point Operating Agencies; and (iv) establishing Pakistan Land Port Authority consultants. This advance action will expedite the project implementation.

**Date of Advance Contracting Approval**: 18 September 2015