Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 19 August 2021

Country/Borrower: Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Title of Proposed Project: 49372-PAK: Greater Thal Canal Irrigation Project

Name and Address of Executing and Implementing Agency:

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will contribute to enhancing food security and rural economic growth in Punjab Province. It will increase the agricultural production of the project area by developing a new irrigation system. The Greater Thal Canal (GTC) irrigation scheme will convert about 704,000 hectares (ha) of arid or semi-arid lands in Bhukar, Jhang, Muzaffargarh, Khushab and Layyah districts of Punjab to irrigated productive lands. The Main Canal and the first branch system (Mankera) that cover about 144,000 ha of command areas have been constructed by the government’s fund in 2009. The proposed project will support the construction of the second branch system (Chobbara) covering about 119,000 ha, along with support for on-farm command area development (CAD) for the Main Canal, Mankera and Chobbara areas and capacity development of the government entities and water users for efficient water uses and management, improved agricultural practices and sustainability of infrastructure. The proposed project loan is expected to be signed in December 2021 and effective in Q1, 2022.
**Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured:**

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