Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: People’s Republic of China

Title of Proposed Project: PRC (46062): Gansu Baiyin Integrated Urban Development Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency: Baiyin Municipal Government

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will support inclusive and environmentally sustainable development in Baiyin. The project will (i) construct centralized and advanced water supply and wastewater treatment systems, and a road for a new industrial park; (ii) upgrade technical and vocational training and education (TVET) skill training courses and a labor market database to support industrial transformation; (iii) install intelligent transport systems for road safety and public bus services to improve livability of the city; and (iv) enhance environmental management of the industrial park.

The project has four outputs:

(i) **Liuchuan Industrial Park infrastructure development.** The project will build basic infrastructure of the Liuchuan Industrial Park including: (a) a new water supply facility with treatment capacity of 60,000 cubic meters per day, a 14.4-kilometer (km) water transmission pipeline, and a 14.0-km water distribution pipeline network and other related facilities for water supply; (b) a new wastewater treatment facility with treatment capacity of 35,000 cubic meters per day, sludge treatment facilities and other auxiliary systems, and a 46.0-km wastewater collection pipelines network and related facilities; and (c) a 6.0-km road with related facilities including energy-saving streetlight, one bridge and one box culvert passing under the Beijing–Tibet expressway.

(ii) **Technical and vocational education and training.** The project will strengthen capacity of TVET through: (a) development of a long-term and five short-term courses in Jingyuan County Secondary Vocational School and public
employment training centers including upgrade of the training center and school facilities; training courses equipment for logistic industry, ceramic industry, electromechanical industry, welding, plumbing, mold making, accounting, and restaurant housekeeping services; and textbooks and training materials; (b) strengthen the labor market information system including information and communication technology equipment, a computer software and training for public employment services; and (c) teacher training and workshops for competency-based skill training courses development including development and validation of occupational profile charts, competency-based training modules, evaluation and assessment methods, and course management and teaching quality assurance.

(iii) **Intelligent transportation systems.** The project will install two systems of traffic control and public transportation management including: (a) an intelligent traffic command center, signal control equipment, electronic police/video monitoring and violation recording/traffic guidance equipment and an operational software; and (b) an operation center for the intelligent public bus service, public transport onboard equipment, stop and depot equipment, and an operational software.

(iv) **Enhanced environment management and capacity development.** The project will: (a) develop an environmental management system that will be ISO 14001 certified for the Liuchuan Industrial Park and pursue accreditation of an eco-industrial park under the PRC national standard by 2025; and (b) strengthen institutional capacities for the project management and operation by providing expert support and advice on project management including contract management, financial management, safeguard and social monitoring and capacity development activities on ADB regulations; and design and implementation of the TVET subproject. The consulting services will support public awareness activities on subjects including road safety and provide training, seminars, workshops, and study tours on public financial management, industrial park development strategy and its environmental management, and innovative infrastructure financing options including public–private partnership.

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

ADB has approved advance contracting and retroactive financing for smooth project implementation. Advance action includes (i) tendering, bid evaluation and award of contracts for civil works and equipment contract packages up to the recommendation of contract award; and (ii) recruitment of consultants. Retroactive financing will cover eligible expenditures not exceeding $20 million, equivalent to 20% of the loan amount, incurred before loan effectiveness, but not earlier than 12 months before signing of the Loan Agreement. The advance procurement actions will be undertaken in accordance with ADB’s *Procurement Guidelines* and ADB’s *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants*.

**Date of Advance Contracting Approval:** 27 May 2014

**Date of Retroactive Financing Approval:** 11 July 2014