Advance Contracting Notice

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Title of Proposed Project: Gansu Urban Infrastructure Development and Wetland Protection Project

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Brief Description of the Project:

1. The project will support (i) rehabilitation and construction of urban roads and bridges with the associated stormwater, water supply and wastewater pipe networks in Dingxi; (ii) wetland restoration and protection of a wetland park adjacent to Ganzhou District of Zhangye; (iii) construction of roads, bridges, a water supply plant, and associated stormwater, water supply and wastewater pipe networks in Zhangye; and (iv) an institutional capacity development program in both project sites. The wetland protection component will (i) restore and protect 1,400 hectares (ha) of wetland habitats in the Zhangye National Wetland Park; (ii) strengthen management capacity of staff in the park and the Zhangye Heihe River Wetlands National Nature Reserve through training programs, improved facilities for scientific research and monitoring, and public awareness-raising and education; and (iii) contribute to protection of water supplies to wetlands and communities of Zhangye.

2. The project impact is promoting the socio-economic development and improving environment in Dingxi and Zhangye cities. The project outcome is improved urban infrastructure and municipal services in Dingxi and Zhangye. The proposed components will provide much-needed assistance for environmental protection and local social and economic development.

3. The project has four outputs:

   (i) Improved urban infrastructure in Dingxi. This component will upgrade 1 road and construct 6 roads with a total length of 13.6 km and their associated facilities, including 5 bridges and 30 culverts, 22.3 km of stormwater pipeline, 11.3 km of sewer pipeline, street lighting, landscaping, and traffic management facilities. All roads will include pedestrian sidewalks and non-motor vehicle lanes on both sides.

   (ii) Improved urban infrastructure in Zhangye. This component includes construction of 21 urban roads with a total length of 39.7 km, a new water supply plant and 49.2 km of piping network, and 49.6 km of sanitary piping network connected to the existing wastewater treatment plant.
(iii) **Restored and protected wetland in Zhangye.** This component covers the Zhangye National Wetland Park and nearby wetlands adjacent to the city and has three subcomponents: (a) wetland protection, comprising construction of four protection stations, a center combining police, patrol, research/monitoring and education facilities, watch-towers, park boundary demarcation, associated equipment for all services, and an comprehensive education and capacity building program; (b) wetland restoration, comprising restoration of 1,400 ha of wetland and woodland habitats in the park and planting of native and naturalized plant species; and (c) wetland sustainable utilization, comprising activities designed to promote sustainable eco-tourism and public education in the park.

(iv) **Project management and capacity development.** This component will help the project cities develop and implement advanced project management systems and enhance the urban planning and management capacity. This component will include a capacity building and training activities related to urban planning and management, environmental management, public transport and non-motorized traffic planning and safety, and stormwater pollution control. A comprehensive capacity building and training program will increase public awareness and provide education on wetland protection and restoration and enhance wetland management and monitoring capacity of the wetland management agency in Zhangye.

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

ADB has approved advance contracting and retroactive financing. Advance action includes (i) preparation and awarding of contracts; and (iii) recruitment of consultants. Retroactive financing will cover eligible expenditures not exceeding $20 million, which equals 20% of the loan amount, incurred before loan effectiveness, but not earlier than 12 months before signing of the Loan Agreement. The advance contracting includes two civil work contract packages from Dingxi subproject, three civil work contract packages from Zhangye subproject and one consulting services and one goods packages. The advance procurement actions will be undertaken in accordance with ADB’s [Procurement Guidelines](https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-guidelines) and ADB’s [Guidelines on the Use of Consultants](https://www.adb.org/documents/guidelines-use-consultants).

**Date of Advance Contracting and Retroactive Financing Approval:** 29 June 2012