Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: People’s Republic of China

Title of Proposed Project: PRC (46050): Hubei Huanggang Urban Environment Improvement Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency: Huanggang Municipal Government

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project aims to promote environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive urbanization in Huanggang, Hubei Province through improvements in urban environment. The project will improve the lakes and rivers’ water quality, flood retention capacity, and aesthetic value; contributing to economic prosperity and enhanced livability in the lakeside urban area.

The project will have three outputs:

(i) **Urban lake and river enhancement.** Lake enhancement includes: (a) removal of 539,000 cubic meter of nutrient laden sediments from Baitan and Chiye lakes, (b) construction of 14 kilometer (km) of ecological flood retention embankments with 89 hectare (ha) of vegetated buffer strips, (c) creation of 80 ha of surface-flow constructed wetland in Chiye Lake, (d) establishment of 4 subsurface-flow constructed wetlands with total area of 3.8 ha and detention basins in Baitan and Chiye lakes to treat nonpoint source pollution, (e) construction of 13.3 km of multiuse nonmotorized pathway along the lakeshore with 9 bridges across the rivers, and (f) constructing and upgrading of 2 sluice gates. River enhancement includes: (a) removal of about 201,000 cubic meter of nutrient laden sediments and excavating/widening of river course to re-establish natural connection between lakes and rivers, and (b) construction of 21.6 km of flood retention ecological embankments with 42.6 ha of vegetated buffer strips along the rivers.

(ii) **Solid waste management.** This will contribute to improved solid waste collection and transfer in the lakeside area and comprise: (a) construction of one transfer
station (30 tons per day) and provision of 260 waste bins around the lakes; (b) purchasing of two garbage trucks; and (c) public awareness campaign on solid waste sorting, reuse, recycling, and safe disposal.

(iii) Capacity development and institutional strengthening. This includes: (a) implementation and monitoring support to executing and implementing agencies to implement and monitor the project in line with ADB procedures and guidelines; and (b) capacity and institutional strengthening of HMG on wetlands operation and management, water quality monitoring and forecasting including nonpoint source pollution control, and lake ecology and biodiversity.

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 5 works and 6 consulting services. Advance action includes (i) advertisement, evaluation of bids, and up to recommendation of award. 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 and Retroactive Financing Approval: 2 April 2014