



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: People's Republic of China

Title of Proposed Project: Inner Mongolia Road Development Project

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project aims to develop the road network in Hulunbeier, and provide support for sustainable tourism, environmental conservation and institutional strengthening and capacity building. It has five main outputs:

- (i) Output 1: Highway Upgrading and Road Safety Improvements.** 132 kms of provincial highway (Road No.7) from Manzhouli to Alatanemole will be upgraded from Class III to "half Class I" standard. The safety improvement work will include road markings, signage, speed control junction design, barriers, and underpasses for animals, designated parking, viewing points and service areas. These will be carefully designed and installed to ensure a safe environment for road users.
- (ii) Output 2: Rehabilitation of Rural Roads.** 292 kms consisting of 4 rural roads will be rehabilitated and upgraded. The Road (No.3) from Xinboluke to Manzhouli (66 kms) which is presently a natural road (unclassified) will be rehabilitated and upgraded to a Class III road. The Road (No.4) from Nuogannuoer via Wubuerbaolige to Alantanhadagacha (127 kms) which is presently a sand and stone road (unclassified) will be upgraded to Class IV. The Road (No.5) connecting Baogedewula sumu with Beiersumu (54 kms) will be rehabilitated and upgraded from a sand and stone road to Class IV. The Road (No.6) from Amugulang—Wubuerbaolige sumu (45 kms) which is presently a natural road (unclassified) will be upgraded to Class III.
- (iii) Output 3: Cross Border Transport Improvement and Trade Facilitation.** 104 kms consisting of 2 Roads (Nos.1 and 2) leading to the Arihasate port (82 kms) and Ebuduge port (22 kms) will be rehabilitated and upgraded from Class III to Class II to facilitate cross border traffic movement. A provision of \$2 million is provided for cross border trade facilitation.

(iv) Output 4: Support for Community-Based Sustainable Tourism and Environmental Conservation. Rest areas, other minor infrastructure, signage and interpretation material will be provided along the S203 at strategic points to reduce uncontrolled driving and parking in sensitive areas. Development of an eco-cultural trail is proposed to enable tourists to experience the grasslands, wetlands and traditional lifestyles and to demonstrate ecotourism and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Support for Dalai Lake NNR Management Bureau including improved facilities and equipment for protection, research and monitoring and strategic input to the 10-year master plan to guide nature reserve development are proposed.

(v) Output 5: Institutional strengthening and capacity building. Capacity development and institutional strengthening will be implemented to ensure that the executing agency and implementing agency have sufficient capacity to manage the project. This output will have three parts. The first part will support project management and implementation to ensure that project outputs are delivered on time and within budget in accordance with ADB policies and procedures; develop and maintain the project performance monitoring system; assist with procurement and disbursement; and ensure that safeguard measures are implemented, monitored, and reported. The second part will build capacity in road safety, road maintenance and management of roads. The third part will build capacity of Dalai Lake NNR staff to improve management of the reserve.

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

The justification for advance action is that some civil works need to be carried out for project roads which have severe and long winter seasons, permitting an annual construction season of only 5 months from May to September. The project will finance goods, works, and consulting services, as shown in the table.

General Description	Procurement Method	Prequalification of Bidders (y/n)	Advertisement Date	Comments	
Works					
CW.1	Manzhouli – Alantanemole (132 km)				
	Section 1—K0+000-K1+600	ICB	No	Jan 2013	ADB Financed (Partial)
	Section 8—K96+600-K114+500	ICB	No	Jan 2013	ADB Financed (Partial)
	Section 9—K114+500-K32+000	ICB	No	Jan 2013	ADB Financed (Partial)
CW.4	Manzhouli – Xinboluke (60 km)				
	Section 1—K0+000-K20+000	NCB	No	1 st qtr 2013	ADB Financed (Partial)
	Section 2—K20+000-K40+000	NCB	No	1 st qtr 2013	ADB Financed (Partial)
	Section 3—K40+000-K60+000	NCB	No	1 st qtr 2013	ADB Financed (Partial)
Consulting Services					
General Description	Recruitment Method	Advertisement Date	International or National Assignment	Comments	
CS.2	Project Management Support	QCBS	1 st qtr 2013	International	ADB Financed (100%)
CS.3	Environmental Monitoring	ICS	1 st qtr 2013	National	ADB Financed (100%)

ICB = International Competitive Bidding, NCB = National Competitive Bidding, QCBS = Quality Cost Based Selection, ICS = Individual Consultants Selection.

Date of Advance Action Approval: 20 December 2012