Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 20 June 2012

Country/Borrower: Sri Lanka

Title of Proposed Project: Northern Road Connectivity Project - Additional Financing

Name and Address of Executing Agency

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Brief Description of Project:

The project, together with the Northern Road Connectivity Project (Original Project), will rehabilitate (i) approximately 280 km of national highways in Northern Province (NP) and North Central Province (NCP), (ii) approximately 260 km of provincial roads in NP and NCP, and rehabilitating or replacing selected bridge links, and (iii) the office of Northern Provincial Road Development Department (NPRDD). It will help achieve the full extent of the improvements envisaged under the Original Project by covering additional geographic areas which will help improve road connectivity in the country's conflict-affected area in the northern region and help restore access to basic social services and markets. It will facilitate economic growth and contribute to reducing disparities in Sri Lanka, consistent with the key goals of the Government's Development Framework 2010, which emphasizes inclusive and sustainable growth.

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

All advance contracting will be undertaken in conformity with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time) and ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time).

The civil works contracts will be procured for about 110 km of national roads and 120 km of provincial roads in NP and NCP through International Competitive Bidding and National Competitive Bidding.
procedures. ADB standard bidding documents for large works with post-qualification under the single-stage, two-envelope system will be adopted.

To facilitate project management and implementation, two separate international firms, as project implementation consultants will be recruited, one for national highways component (PIC-NH) and one for provincial roads component (PIC-PR). For PIC-NH, a consulting firm will be engaged using the quality-and cost-based selection (QCBS) method with a weighting of 90:10. For PIC-PR, single-source selection (SSS) will be used to engage the consulting firm of ongoing project.

Date of Advance Action Approval: 30 May 2012