



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Sri Lanka

Title of Proposed Project: 47381-SRI: Water Resources Development Investment Program

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Brief Description of the Project:

The investment program will assist the government complete outstanding water conveyance investments under the Mahaweli Development Program (MDP). Implementation of MDP began in 1970 and its completion is a key priority of the government. The investment program will support the objectives of MDP to maximize the productivity of Mahaweli River Basin water resources by transferring available water to Sri Lanka's northern dry zone areas for irrigation, drinking and commercial purposes. This will accelerate local and national economic growth. The investment program follows the multitranche financing facility (MFF) modality split into three tranches. The investment program's impact will be improved water productivity for economic growth in former conflict and dry zone areas. Its outcome will be secured access to water resources for agricultural and non-agricultural purposes in northern dry zone areas. The outputs will be (i) Output 1: water conveyance infrastructure developed, (ii) Output 2: systems for strengthening integrated water resources management and improving system efficiencies and water productivity developed, and (iii) Output 3: efficient multi-disciplinary investment program management.

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

ADB has approved the government's request for advance contracting to expedite project implementation. Advance contracting will include:

- (i) Minipe Left Bank Canal Rehabilitation Package 1 (International Competitive Bidding (ICB) comprising: (a) heightening the Minipe Anicut crest level by four meters; (b) rehabilitating the left bank canal's head regulator and desilting facilities; (c) providing

- flow measurement and overflow spills in the left and right canals; and (d) other associated minor civil and mechanical works to the headworks.
- (ii) Upper Elahera Canal (UEC) Package 1 (ICB) will construct new channels for the first 12 km of the UEC project.
 - (iii) North West Province Canal Package 1 (ICB) will construct the Mahakithula Wewa and Mahakirula Reservoirs, associated facilities, a link canal between the two reservoirs, and a 940m long tunnel.
 - (iv) Program Management, Design and Supervision Consultants who will be responsible for: finalizing detailed designs for the investment program; contract management, construction supervision, and general support to the government for investment program management.
 - (v) Office equipment and vehicles to purchase office furniture, IT equipment and vehicles for the establishment of the program management office.
 - (vi) Field office upgrading using forced account to upgrade field offices to accommodate the PMDSC.

The advance contracting will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines and Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

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