



Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 2 October 2018

Country/Borrower: Sri Lanka

Title of Project: 50275-SRI: Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs (MHECA)

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will support the government to develop applied science and technology faculties in four universities to nurture a new breed of technology-oriented graduates equipped with market-relevant skills and entrepreneurial spirit. The project will provide innovative technology and industry-relevant education and research facilities, help quality curriculum design and academic staffing aligned with industry demand and international standards, and provide competitive industry and foreign university grant scheme and capacity development opportunities. The project also includes a technical assistance loan component to support the government in preparing a higher education project.

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

The procurement plan includes (i) works contracts for faculty buildings; (ii) goods contracts for equipment and furniture for the project management unit (PMU), project implementation unit (PIU) offices and faculty buildings at the universities, and vehicles for the PMU and universities; and (iii) services.

The PMU will be directly responsible for procuring civil works, goods, services and non-procurable inputs which are beyond the ceiling delegated by the MHECA secretary. The delegated ceiling for universities is SLR50 million, which can be adjusted in consultation with the project steering committee and ADB.

ADB may finance eligible expenditures including works, goods, consulting services, grant scheme, and recurrent costs, up to 20% of the loans incurred before loan effectiveness and within 12 months before loan signing.