Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 16 November 2015

Country/Borrower: Republic of Tajikistan

Title of Proposed Project: 46535-TAJ: Strengthening Technical and Vocational Education and Training Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency: Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment

Brief Description of the Project: The project promotes a demand-driven, quality assured, and flexible technical and vocational education and training (TVET) delivery system in Tajikistan. The project will help develop and implement industry-endorsed competency standards and competency-based training (CBT), upgrade the physical learning environment, train TVET teachers and masters, and strengthen governance and management of the TVET system. The project will promote private sector participation in TVET policy, operations, and service delivery.

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

Advance contracting
The advance contracting will be undertaken for the recruitment of 5 project administration group staff (project manager, finance officer, administrative officer, competency-based training development coordinator and procurement officer), two individual consultants (international industry partnership specialist and international competency standards and assessment tools development), and two consulting firms (an international project implementation firm and a national research firm to conduct a survey for the Market-responsive and inclusive training program).

Retroactive Financing
To ensure effective implementation of the project, the government requested ADB to finance project expenditures incurred on the recruitment of 5 project administration group staff (project manager, finance officer, administrative officer, competency-based training development coordinator and procurement officer), three months prior to the effective date of the financing agreement. This will cover 3 months remuneration for the 5 project administration group staff and will include office expenses such as office supplies, communications, and other expenses related to operations.

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