Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Republic of Uzbekistan

Title of Proposed Project: 53312-UZB: Surkhandarya Regional Road Project

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will upgrade the existing Derbent to Denau Road (the project road), in Surkhandarya District in Uzbekistan to improve linking the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridors 3b (Russian Federation to Middle East and South Asia via Dushanbe) and 6b (Europe to Middle East and South Asia via Dushanbe). The total length of the highway is 106.4 kilometers (km). The project will also help develop the institutional capacity of the Committee for Roads (CR) under the Ministry of Transport (MOT), to ensure effective road maintenance, control vehicle overloading, ensure sound road traffic management, and improve project management.

The project will scale up the efforts of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other development partners in developing this critical CAREC corridor and contribute to Uzbekistan’s economic growth through improved transport connectivity.

The expected project outcome is the improvement of travel time and efficiency on the reconstructed sections of the roads 4R100 and 4R105 between cities Derbend and Denau in Surkhandarya region. Road design incorporates due climate resiliency measures for the climate vulnerable Surkhandarya region. Access roads will be constructed to link the tourist areas to the project alignment.

To ensure vehicle overloading control and thereby prevent pre-mature pavement failure, the Contractor will install a fully automated Weigh in Motion systems (WIM) that will increase effectiveness of enforcement actions by detection and issuance of summons in a transparent, accurate and continuous manner. The proposed system will enhance the integrity of enforcement. In addition, all truck data shall be transferred and stored at Traffic Operation Centre on A373 as part of monitoring and safety purposes. The project will support installation of WIM systems at two locations of the roads close to the Derbent village and in Denau town.
The Project is expected to be completed by 28 February 2026.

**Brief Description of Works and Consulting Services to be Procured:**

Under the project, the following civil works packages will be procured using open competitive bidding (international advertisement):

Reconstruction of 4R105 (Km 5 – 70) and 4R100 (Km 128 – 174) in three (3) lots:
- SRRP/ CW/ Lot – 1: Reconstruction of 4R105 (Km 5 – 37.5) including Design, Supply and Installation of Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) system
- SRRP/ CW/ Lot – 2: Reconstruction of 4R105 Km 37.5 – 70
- SRRP/ CW/ Lot – 3: Reconstruction of 4R100 (Km 128 – 174) including Design, Supply and Installation of WIM System

The following consulting services are envisaged under the project: (i) construction supervision consultant (for civil works and WIM); (ii) community development consultant; (iii) audit firms, and (iv) individual consultants for implementation support, capacity building, and safeguards support.

Project Management Unit’s (PMU) office equipment, furniture and vehicle will be procured using shopping/request for quotation method (national advertisement).

All procurement of civil works and recruitment of consulting services will be undertaken in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy and ADB Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers for Goods, Works, Non-consulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time).

To expedite project implementation, advance contracting will be conducted for procurement of civil works and consulting services.

It is expected that recruitment of consulting services and the bidding for the civil works contracts will commence on Q2 2021.

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1 WIM System is included in the civil works contract of Lot 1 and Lot 3 according to their locations. Each of these CW Contractors shall select a specialized subcontractor.

2 See footnote no. 1 above.