Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 21 April 2023

Country/Borrower: Republic of Uzbekistan

Title of Proposed Project: 56231-001-UZB: Distribution Network Digital Transformation and Resiliency Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

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Brief Description of the Project:

The Government of Uzbekistan intends to apply for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Distribution Network Digital Transformation and Resiliency Project. The project will assist Uzbekistan in rehabilitating and digitalizing 26 critical distribution substations and strengthening the operations of the Joint Stock Company Regional Electrical Power Networks (REPN), the executing agency of the project. The project will improve the reliability and quality of energy services as one of the key constraints to the economic growth and facilitate the clean energy transition by the reduction of losses in the distribution system and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The project will increase the climate resilience in infrastructure development and will facilitate women’s participation in energy enterprises and livelihood to become change agents in digitalization and clean energy transition, going beyond the role as mere electricity users.

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

All advance contracting will be undertaken in conformity with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) using ADB Standard Bidding Documents. While advance contracting is part of the normal procedure, approval of advance contracting and retroactive financing does not commit ADB to approve the loan or to finance the project costs. If retroactive financing will not be approved for the project, contracts procured under advance contracting will be signed after loan effectiveness.
The proceeds of the loan are intended to be used for the procurement of the following works, goods, and consulting services using open competitive bidding procedure. The items below are indicative for the purposes of this advance contracting notice, and specific procurement notices will be issued later.

Package I - Rehabilitation and modernization of substations (Tashkent, Tashkent Region, Sirdarya) comprising 3 lots;
Package II - Rehabilitation and modernization of substations (Andijan, Fergana, Namangan) comprising 3 lots;
Package III - Rehabilitation and modernization of substations (Bukhara, Djizzak, Kashkadarya, Samarkand, Surkhandarya) comprising 5 lots;
Package IV - Rehabilitation and modernization of substations (Navoi, Karakalpakstan, Khorezm) comprising 3 lots
Project management and supervision consultant

It is expected that (i) bidding for the engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts for package I and II and (ii) recruitment of project management and supervision consultant will commence in Q2 2023. Interested bidders who wish to obtain additional information may contact the above-mentioned officer.