Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 19 September 2023

Country/Borrower: Republic of Uzbekistan

Title of Proposed Project: 57004-UZB: Rural Roads Resilience Sector Project

Name and Address of Executing Agency:

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Brief Description of the Project:

The project will improve about 700 kilometers (km) of rural roads with a focus on enhanced climate resilience measures to improve access, accelerate economic development, and promote poverty reduction between rural communities, productive agricultural areas, and socioeconomic centers. The project will scale up the efforts of ADB and other development partners to improve road maintenance capacity in the Committee for Roads and enhance sustainability. The project will enhance the capacities of the Committee for Roads and other road agencies to improve and maintain climate resilient and safer roads.

The project will be aligned with the following impact: economic development and poverty reduction accelerated through connectivity between rural communities, productive agricultural areas, and socioeconomic centers in Uzbekistan improved. The project outcome will be transport efficiency on project roads increased.

The Project is expected to be completed by 31 December 2032.

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

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

- Works for rehabilitation and performance-based maintenance of rural roads in Jizzak region in four (4) lots.
- Works for rehabilitation and performance-based maintenance of rural roads in Syrdarya region in three (3) lots.
• Indicative packages for works for rehabilitation and performance-based maintenance of rural roads in eleven (11) regions, approximately total of four (4) packages with each package comprising average seven (7) lots and covering 2-3 regions

The following consulting services are envisaged under the project:

• Project management consultant
• Consulting firm for development of community livelihood facilities for women
• Subproject preparation consultant
• Individual consultants for road fund, environment, resettlement, gender, rural road, IT development, and road asset management.
• Construction supervision consultants for: (i) Jizzak and Syrdarya and Tashkent regions; (ii) Andijan, Fergana and Namangan regions; (iii) Samarkand, Navoi and Bukhara regions; (iv) Kashkadarya and Surkhandarya regions; and (v) Republic of Karakalpakstan and Khorezm regions.
• Project account auditing consultant and internal audit consultant

All advance contracting and retroactive financing 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 action will be signed after loan effectiveness.

It is expected that recruitment of consulting services and the bidding for the civil works contracts will commence by Q4 2023.