Invitation for Bids

1. The Social Republic of Vietnam has received financing from the Asian Development Bank toward the cost of the **Northern Mountain Provinces Transport Connectivity Project**, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

2. The **Project Management Unit 2 under Ministry of Transport** (the “Employer”) invites e-bids from eligible Bidders for the construction and completion of **CW3: NH279 improving a section (km 40+000- km 63+446)** (the “Works”).

   The scope of works for this contract package CW3 consists of the upgrading Section: Km 40+000 - Km 63+446) of the existing National Highway No 279 to mountainous road grade III.

3. **National Competitive Bidding** will be conducted in accordance with **Single-Stage: One-Envelope** procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

   A. Financial qualifications:
      a) For single entity, minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover (AACT) of VND319,000,000,000 within the last three (3) years (2019 – 2021);
      b) For joint venture, one partner must meet minimum AACT of VND128,000,000,000; - each partner must meet minimum AACT of VND80,000,000,000; - and the combined AACT of all joint venture members must meet the minimum AACT of VND319,000,000,000 within the last three (3) years (2019 - 2021).
      c) For single entity, the bidder must demonstrate that its financial resources, less the financial obligations for current contract commitments meet or exceed VND40,000,000,000.
      d) For joint venture, one partner must demonstrate that its financial resources, less the financial obligations for current contract commitments meet or exceed VND16,000,000,000; - each partner in the joint venture must demonstrate its financial resources, less the obligations for current contract commitments meet or
exceed VND10,000,000,000; and the combined financial resources of the joint venture, less the obligations for current contract commitments meet or exceed VND40,000,000,000.

B. Construction Experience
a) Experience of contract similar size and nature:
   Participation in at least one (1) contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five (5) years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder’s participation exceeds VND319,000,000,000.

b) Experience in key activities:
   Bidder must demonstrate its construction experience in the following key activities:
   • Performed at least 100,000m³ of rock excavation.
   • Construction of reinforced concrete retaining wall with minimum length of 150m and minimum height of 4m in one (1) contract.
   • Construction of one prestressed concrete girders bridge with minimum girder span of 24 m and minimum bore pile dimension of 1.0 m in one (1) contract.
   • Performed at least one (1) contract for survey and design for Slope protection works; Having experiences in preparation (at least one (1) contract) of construction drawings for road and bridge works.

The qualification criteria are more completely described in the Bidding Documents. In case of any discrepancy between this IFB and the Bidding Document, the latter will prevail.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in Vietnamese is freely available on Vietnam National e-Procurement System (www.muasamcong.mpi.gov.vn) until 12 April 2022.

6. e-Bids must be submitted via Vietnam National e-Procurement System on or before 12 April 2022; Time 9:00 hours. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened online on 12 April 2022; Time 9:00 hours.

7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.