

# GPN - Bangladesh Distribution Project

## GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country:	Bangladesh
Funding source:	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (the Bank)
Sector:	Energy/Power
Project name:	Distribution System Upgrade and Expansion Project (the Project)
Title:	General Procurement Notice (GPN)
Project number:	000003

1. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a loan of \$165 million from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (the Bank) to finance the cost of the above-mentioned Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for the procurement of goods and works under the Project.

2. The Project will include the following components:

Component 1: Provision of 2.5 million service connections to rural consumers. It is going to provide approximately 65,000 small low-voltage (6.35/0.23 kV) transformers, 75,000 km of service drops and 2.5 million electric meters to 77 Pally Bidyut Samities (PBSs, or rural electric cooperatives) in Bangladesh.

Component 2: Upgrade of grid substations and conversion of overhead distribution lines into underground cables. It will (i) replace the small inefficient 50/75 MVA air-insulated systems at Bashundhara and Uttara grid substations with larger efficient 80/120 MVA gas-insulated systems; and (ii) convert 85 circuit-km of existing 33 kV overhead lines into underground cables.

3. Procurement under Component 1 comprises distribution transformers, conductors and electric meters, which are typically mass produced goods. The contracts for Component 2 will include goods and works. The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) and Dhaka Electricity Supply Company (DESCO) will be the executing agencies (EAs) with overall responsibility for the implementation of Component 1 and Component 2, respectively.

4. Procurement of contracts financed by the Bank will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Bank's Procurement Policy and its associated Directive: Procurement Instructions for Recipients. International Open Competitive Tender (IOCT) procedures will be followed for all goods and works procured under Bank financing. The Bank's Policy on Prohibitive Practices will apply to all Bank financed procurement.

5. The Specific Procurement Notices for the contracts to be bid will be announced, starting from end June 2016, as they become available, in EAs' own websites and official government procurement portal; the AIIB's website; and also the website of UN Development Business.

6. To express interest, and to obtain further information, please contact the following:

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