The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is considering providing a loan equivalent to US$150 million to the People's Government of Liaoning Province, China, to support the Liaoning Green Smart Public Transport Demonstration Project (the Project). The loan proceeds will be used for payments for goods, works, related consulting services and non-consulting services under the Project.

The objective of the Project is to improve the quality and efficiency of public transport service by replacing conventional fossil-fueled buses with battery electric buses and applying digital information technology to public transport management systems in five small and medium sized cities including Fuxin, Huludao, Jinzhou, Panjin and Yingkou of Liaoning Province. Upon completion, the Project will help improve urban environments (i.e., better air quality, quieter living environment, and less congested traffic, etc.), enhance service quality of public transport, and improve passengers’ riding experience. It is expected that 2.70 million residents in the five Project cities will benefit from the Project. Key Project activities funded by AIIB will include:

(1) Procurement of 1,285 pure electric buses;
(2) Construction of 286 bus charging piles;
(3) Installation of smart public transport systems in the five Project cities;
(4) Civil works of the Liaodong Bay Intercity Bus Service Center in Panjin;
(5) Civil works of the New-Energy Bus Maintenance Workshop in Fuxin; and
(6) Project implementation support and capacity building to the five bus companies on BEBs and smart public transport technology.

Among them, the contracts expected to be procured through international competitive bidding IOCT are as below:

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<th>NO.</th>
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<td>Jinzhou</td>
<td>JZ-G02</td>
<td>Procurement of battery electric buses and smart equipment, including 100 electric buses of 10.5m with two-level boarding steps, 20 electric buses of 11m and 120 sets of bus-mounted smart devices.</td>
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<td>PJ-G04</td>
<td>Procurement of battery electric buses: 10.5-m-long pure electric buses, 8-m-long pure electric buses, 8-m-long passenger bus version and 11-m-long passenger bus version vehicles (including bus-mounted smart devices)</td>
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Procurement of contracts financed by AIIB will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the AIIB’s Interim Operational Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients (June 2, 2016), and is open to all eligible tenders as defined in the Instructions.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be tendered via the AIIB’s international open competitive tender (IOCT) procedures and for contracts for consulting services will be announced, as they become available, at UN Development Business website, AIIB Website, and the Borrower’s local newspapers or websites.

Prequalification of suppliers will not be required for all contracts mentioned above.
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