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This report alerts U.S. firms to **US\$ 9.97 million** in new, potential procurement of consulting services under the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) technical assistance (TA) programs. Opportunities are reported for Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, Fiji Islands, Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vietnam. For 2004, U.S. firms, including many small consulting firms, succeeded in winning US\$33.13 million ADB-funded national technical assistance contracts out of a total ADB-financed consulting budget of US\$297.16 million.

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submitted for each project. The project name indicated in the EOI should exactly match that listed in the ADB Business Opportunities publication to avoid confusion.

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**ADVISORY AND OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ADTA)  
PROJECTS, AUGUST 2005**

**A. AFGHANISTAN**

**Project Name** : **Capacity Building for Economic Management**  
**Project No.** : AFG 37493-01  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 200,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy /  
Economic Management

**Objectives and Scope:**

The technical assistance (TA) will develop the capacity of the Fiscal Policy Unit/Ministry of Finance for macro level economic forecasting and analysis. This would enable the Government to better assess policy interventions and link its development policies with expenditure and investment priorities and fiscal policies, thereby improving effectiveness of public resource management.

**Consulting Services:** International individual consultants (economist/budget specialist) for 8 person-months and domestic consultants (fiscal analysts) for 30-35 person-months.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 15 June 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in October 2005.

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**B. CAMBODIA**

**B.1: Project Name** : **Financial Sector Blueprint Update**  
**Project No.** : CAM 39223-01  
**Executing Agency** : National Bank of Cambodia  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 150,000.00

**Sector/Sub-sector** : Finance /Finance Sector Development

**Objectives and Scope:**

The Cambodia Financial Sector Blueprint for 2001-2010 (the Blueprint) constitutes the time-bound plan of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) for financial sector development. The Blueprint was published in December 2001. With assistance from ADB (through policy lending and technical assistance activities), the RGC has achieved some progress in different areas of the Blueprint. To consolidate and give sequence to past progress, the conceptual design of the Blueprint requires an update in terms of a three-phase process. A financial sector assessment paper was completed and delivered to RGC (Phase I). This will be followed by consultations with all direct stakeholders of financial sector reform in Cambodia (including other donors) to discuss (i) the assessment paper, and (ii) a relevant strategy for financial sector reform and development in Cambodia. Conclusions from this process are expected to lead to the drafting of the new financial sector blueprint (Phase II). Policy guidance to future assistance activities shall then be directly extractable from the new financial sector blueprint (Phase III) – with the aide of concrete action plans that can guide the operationalization of the strategy. The TA will support Phase II and Phase III.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Submission for President's consideration: August 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**B.2: Project Name** : **Financial Sector Program Implementation**  
**Project No.** : CAM 36385-01  
**Executing Agency** : National Bank of Cambodia  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 500,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Finance /Finance Sector Development

**Objectives and Scope:**

The technical assistance (TA) will help the Government improve the capacity of the executing and implementing agencies to implement the policy actions under Subprogram III of the Financial Sector Program Loan (FSPL I). This will require technical inputs and targeted on-the-job support to equip key Government agencies such as the National Bank of Cambodia, Ministry of Economics and Finance, and the Ministry of Commerce to impart the appropriate knowledge and skills to continue the required reforms initiated under Subprograms I and II on a sustainable basis. The TA will focus on achieving three major outputs in support of the Subprogram III policy initiatives: (i) strengthening supervision of banks and the payment system, (ii) insurance sector development, and (iii) commercial law development and capacity building.

**Consulting Services:** ADB will engage individual consultants to provide consulting services for a total of 29.5 person-months comprising 15.5 person-months of international and 14 person-months of domestic consulting input. International consultants will include banking supervision expert, negotiable instrument and payment system's legal expert, insurance supervision expert, insurance corporate restructuring expert, and training expert on commercial laws. The domestic consultants will comprise insurance supervision expert, insurance expert, and legal training expert.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 10 June 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in October/November 2005.

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**C. CHINA**

**C.1: Project Name** : **Country Environmental Analysis**  
**Project No.** : PRC 39079-01  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 150,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Agriculture & Natural Resources /  
Environment & Biodiversity

**Objectives and Scope:**

The objective of the technical assistance (TA) is to enhance the consideration given to environmental factors in formulating the Country Strategy and Program (CSP) for the PRC. The information and analysis contained in the Country Environmental Analysis (CEA) will support and facilitate the downstream environmental assessment of individual ADB-financed projects. The CEA will also provide a basis for monitoring country environmental performance.

**Consulting Services:**

The small-scale technical assistance (SSTA) will require about 4 person-months of international consultant inputs with expertise in environment and natural resource management and as well as project preparation and programming, and about 6 person-months of domestic consulting services with expertise in (i) environmental legislation, policy and institutions, (ii) land and water management, and (iii) poverty and environment. The consultants will be selected and engaged by ADB on an individual basis, in accordance with the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in July 2005.

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**Project No. :** PRC 37600-01  
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**TA Amount :** US\$ 300,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector :** Law, Economic Management & Public Policy /  
Economic Management

**Objectives and Scope:**

The goal of the technical assistance (TA) is to produce a comprehensive set of recommendation as to policy and administrative procedures reform that will be submitted by the Development Research Center (DRC) to the State Council so as to enable the Government to make further contributions to alleviating urban poverty. This Policy Recommendations Report will reflect consensus reached among the key ministries concerned as to actions regarding enhancing access to public goods (education, health care, housing, and employment services) by poor urban migrants. Such an outcome would represent a helpful step towards the creation of a national system of urban poverty alleviation and an integrated approach to resolving some of the systemic difficulties introduced by large-scale rural-urban migrant flow. If the recommendations are enacted, significant enhanced public goods access could follow and contribute to poverty containment or reduction in urban China.

**Consulting Services:** The total input of the consultants is estimated at 23 person-months including 4 person- months of international expert and 19 person-months of national experts. The consultants will be engaged on an individual basis in accordance with the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants based on Quality- and Cost-based Selection (QCBS) method and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for engaging domestic consultants. ADB will recruit one international (Social Assessment and Poverty Reduction Expert for 4 person-months) and four national (Social Assessment and Poverty Reduction Specialist, 6 months; Social Assessment and Northwest China Expert, 5

months; two Urban Migrant Specialists, 4 person-months each) consultants. The experts will conduct the Field Studies, prepare the Field Studies Report, prepare and organize the project workshops, liaise with government agencies as necessary, prepare the Policy Recommendations Report, and collaborate closely with the DRC.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 22 July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in December 2005.

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**Project Name** : **Capacity Building for Economic and Public Sector Reforms (formerly Strengthening Development Planning and Public Sector Reforms)**

**Project No.** : FIJ 38206-01

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Ministry of National Planning  
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**TA Amount** : US\$ 800,000.00

**Sector/Sub-sector** : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy /  
National Government Administration

#### **Objectives and Scope:**

ADB supports the implementation of the Government's Strategic Development Plan (SDP), which is being revised to reflect the evolving development opportunities and constraints. However, capabilities to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate development impacts of various development activities needs to commensurate with the challenges and requirements of the priorities and objectives in supporting the economic transformation urgently needed in the country. Necessary capacity building and institutional development will be required in particular to support the ongoing consolidation efforts in fiscal reforms including debt and financial management, results/ performance management, civil service and public enterprises. The TA will develop the necessary capacity of the National Planning Department and other relevant departments and agencies to implement the economic and public sector reforms including debt and financial management, results/ performance management, civil service, and public enterprises. The technical assistance (TA) will aim to strengthen the economic policy and development unit of key departments and agencies in agreeing on a common platform and criteria in planning and implementing the reform agenda. To implement result-based planning and management in developing investment programs particularly in translating the long-term objectives into medium-term and short-term identifiable targets and benchmarks for monitoring and evaluation. A set of identified and monitorable targets and benchmarks with timelines in implementing the SDP in coordination with all funding agencies.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**E.1: Project Name :** **Natural Resources Management in a Decentralized Environment**  
**Project No. :** INO 35181-01  
**Executing Agency :** Ministry of Home Affairs  
**TA Amount :** US\$ 600,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector :** Agriculture & Natural Resources

**Objectives and Scope:**

This technical assistance (TA) will assist the Government in its efforts in optimizing the management of renewable natural resources at the district and provincial level. This shall be achieved by mainstreaming the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment into local Governments' decision-making, particularly through (i) defining ways to optimize the local administrative functioning in natural resources and environment related government institutions, (ii) strengthening of integrated and participatory spatial based planning approaches to support sustainable the National Resource Management (NRM), (iii) provision of tools for awareness raising and better informed decisions on the use of natural resources and efficient dissemination of relevant information. This strategic TA provides policy advisory support to the Government. It shall also provide relevant results for ADB's Country Environmental Analysis, the Country Strategy and Programme (CSP), and shall provide guidance for potential future ADB project interventions in the NRM sector.

**Consulting Services:** The TA will be implemented in a participatory manner by a team of international (about 11 person-months) and domestic consultants (about 43 person-months), for a total of 54 person-months and will be engaged through an international consulting firm. The team leader, an international consultant, will work full-time in Indonesia for the duration of the TA study. Expertise will be required in policy and institutional development, public administration, environmental legislation, participatory spatial planning, natural resources management, environmental management, environmental economics and accounting, conflict resolution specialist, information management and public relations, etc. The consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 7 June 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place on January 2006.

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**E.2: Project Name** : **Secondary Mortgage Facility**  
**Project No.** : INO 39427-01  
**Executing Agency** : Directorate General of Financial Institutions  
Ministry of Finance  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 600,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Finance /Housing Finance

**Objectives and Scope:**

The purpose of the technical assistance (TA) is to support the establishment and start up operations of Indonesia's Secondary Mortgage Corporation (SMC) to enable it to fulfill its intended role of supporting the efforts to provide for housing development funds more effectively and efficiently. Support for the establishment of a secondary mortgage facility is in line with the country strategy of promoting capital market development and stability of the financial system. On the regional level, the establishment of a high rated frequent issuer in the local bond market would create attractive investment for regional investors thereby encouraging cross border investment.

**Consulting Services:** A. International Consultants: 1. Financial Market Consultant - 3 person-months. This team leader will lead the international and domestic consultancy team and will be an international financial markets expert with significant experience in (i) securitization, (ii) government financial entities, (iii) operation and establishment of financial entities, and (iv) dealing with financial institutions. The consultant will have extensive knowledge and experience in Indonesian market. 2. Mortgage Market Consultant - 3 person months The consultant will be an experienced primary and secondary mortgage consultant, with significant experience in (i) operations of secondary mortgage facilities in markets comparable to Indonesia, (ii) mortgage origination, and (iii) developed and developing markets background and understanding of the overall Indonesian mortgage financing and capital markets. 3. Legal Consultant - 3 person-

months The Legal consultant will have extensive experience in secondary mortgage market and securitizations in civil law countries. The consultant will review and finalize documents for operational procedures and guidelines and identify hurdles and remedies for the successful operation of the SMC. B. Domestic Consultants: 1. Financial Consultants - 2 persons, 6 person-months each 2. Legal Consultants - 2 persons, 6 person-months each 3. Mortgage Consultants - 2 persons, 6 person-months each

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 8 July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in September 2005.

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**Project Name** : **Pre-feasibility Study on Altai Road Transport Corridor Development**  
**Project No.** : MON 38131-01  
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**TA Amount** : US\$ 150,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Transport & Communications /Roads & Highways

### **Objectives and Scope:**

The goal of the Project is to strengthen transport links among the PRC, Mongolia, and other countries in the region. The purpose is to undertake a pre-feasibility study of developing a north-south Altai road transport corridor to link Xinjiang in the PRC and Barnaul in the Russian Federation via Hovd in West Mongolia. The Project's components will comprise (i) undertaking of the pre-feasibility of developing the north-south Altai road transport corridor, with focus on economic, technical, environmental, and social impacts; and (ii) identification of constraints on cross-border transport via the Altai road

transport corridor and make recommendations for facilitating traffic across the borders of Mongolia, PRC, and Russia.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be determined.

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**Project Name** : **Preparation of Balochistan Economic Report**  
**Project No.** : PAK 39003-01  
**Executing Agency** : Finance Department, Government of Balochistan  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 130,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy /  
Economic Management

### **Objectives and Scope:**

The objective of the technical assistance (TA) is to prepare a comprehensive report on Balochistan's economy, which includes estimates of provincial income accounts, and a discussion on the state of Balochistan's economy, with a view of assisting the Government to set its development priorities.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: August 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**Project Name :** Policies for Private Sector Development  
**Project No. :** PNG 39073-01  
**Executing Agency :** Department of Treasury  
**TA Amount :** US\$ 1,000,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector :** Industry & Trade /Industry

**Objectives and Scope:**

The objective of the technical assistance (TA) is to support policy dialogue and reform initiatives in selected areas that will improve the enabling environment for the Private Sector.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 11 June 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**I. PHILIPPINES**

**I.1: Project Name :** Support for Health Sector Reform  
**Project No. :** PHI 39066-01

**Executing Agency** : Department of Health  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 1,000,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Health, Nutrition, & Social Protection /Health Systems

**Objectives and Scope:**

The technical assistance (TA) can be very beneficial in providing support to enhance the implementation of the Health Sector Reform Agenda (HSRA). The TA will help build capacity for: DOH to streamline policy and refine monitoring systems, and LGUs to implement and sustain these reforms. The TA will help the Government to head start HSRA in the 15 convergence sites by streamlining policies, develop guidelines, concepts, and administrative orders, and harmonize the processes between agencies at the central and local levels; and accelerate HSRA implementation in the 4-5 convergence sites under the Health Sector Development Program (HSDP) by streamlining mechanisms and pilot testing schemes at the local levels.

**Consulting Services:** In total, 18 person-months of international consultants, and 96 person-months of domestic consultants will provide specialist services. Among the consultants, the following specialists will be recruited: district health planning and management, health systems, hospital financial management, health finance/social health insurance, public health, drug procurement management, human resource planning, and finance.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 29 May 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** The consultants will be engaged either individually or through a firm under the Quality- and Cost-based Selection (QCBS) method using simplified technical proposal in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrower and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

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**I.2: Project Name** : **Strengthening LGU Management and Administration**  
**Project No.** : PHI 38275-02  
**Executing Agency** : Department of Interior and Local Government  
Department of Budget and Management

**TA Amount** : US\$ 1,000,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy /  
National Government Administration

**Objectives and Scope:**

The technical assistance (TA) is expected to (a) provide clarity and certainty in the devolution of government functions and the allocation of responsibility for ensuring delivery of services, and to (b) support specific initiatives to improve the LGUs' ability to mobilize resources.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission in Field: 1 July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**I.3: Project Name** : **Risk Management of Contingent Liabilities to DOF**  
**Project No.** : PHI 38281-01  
**Executing Agency** : Department of Finance  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 400,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy /  
Economic Management

**Objectives and Scope:**

The aim of the proposed technical assistance (TA) is to support the Government's fiscal consolidation program in the face of large debt obligations and contingent liabilities through the establishment of an effective, comprehensive Debt and Risk Management (DRM) institutional process.

**Consulting Services:** The project will require the services of international and domestic consultants, who are expected to be engaged on an individual contract basis. International Consultant - Debt and Risk Management (DRM) Practitioner (Team Leader) - 6 person-months The international consultant will offer up-to-date information on best



international practices in debt management, preferably as a current or a recent senior official in a debt management unit of a government whose experience is regarded as of particular use to the Philippine DRMO. Domestic consultants will be expected to have strong experience in national government and GOCC debt management issues, or in implementation of the restructuring of government units. 1. DRM Experts (two) - 16 person-months total; 2. Legal Advisor - 2 person-months over a 10-month period; 3. IT Expert - 3 person-months over a 10-month period; 4. Organizations/HR Expert - 4 person-months over a 10-month period. The proposed technical assistance is expected to last approximately 10 months, at the end of which the DRMO is expected to be operational.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 26 May 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in the fourth week of July 2005.

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## **J. SAMOA**

**Project Name** : **Establishing Capacity for Teacher Development  
(formerly Capacity Building for Youth Development)**  
**Project No.** : SAM 34285-02  
**Executing Agency** : To be determined.  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 350,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Education /Basic Education

### **Objectives and Scope:**

Ensuring sustainability of high quality teacher development and supply requires a comprehensive reform that brings all teacher development activities under a unified framework. The objective of the technical assistance (TA) is to assist the Government to develop a comprehensive policy framework to establish capacity for sustained development and management of high quality teachers in the country. The TA will help the Government develop a strategy to address the shortages of primary and secondary teachers that has been projected as well as the needs for professional upgrading of the existing teaching force. The support will build on the efforts that have been carried out to

date by the Government and several bilateral programs. The recommendations and outcome will be taken up in several activities of the Project. First, the TA recommendations on minimum standards for teacher competencies will (i) directly guide the design of the in-service teacher training planned in the Project; (ii) serve as a quality indicator for this activity; and (iii) assist the articulation of in-service training with quality of pre-service training. Second, recommendations on teacher supply and demand will provide a policy framework to develop trial and adopt alternative approaches such as the use of itinerant teachers proposed in the Project. Third, teacher incentive schemes will provide a policy framework for considering new schemes such as houses for rural teacher schemes proposed in the Project in a formal way thereby increasing the sustainability of such pilot schemes. Fourth, recommendation and guidelines to be developed by the TA on management will enhance MESC capacity to engage with other stakeholders to better coordinate the production and supply of effectively trained teachers for all levels of education. The Project will support the implementation of the TA findings based on an agreed policy framework. This will be further discussed with the Government during the appraisal.

**Consulting Services:** ADB will engage four international consultants and five domestic consultants with relevant experience in all aspects of specified scope of work. The international consultants will consist of (i) a teacher education planning and institutional development specialist who will be the team leader (4.5 person-months); (ii) a teacher education/quality assurance specialist (3.5 person-months); (iii) legislation and policy development expert (1 person-month); and a financial planning specialist (1 person-month). The domestic consultants will be (i) an education administration and policy specialist (4 person-months); (ii) a teacher education specialist (3 person-months); a participatory planning specialist (1.5 person-month); (iv) a teacher training specialist (2.5 person-months); and (v) a finance and legal specialist (1.5 person-months). The consultants will be selected in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other engagement arrangements for domestic consultants acceptable to ADB.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 6 June 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:**

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**K. SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**Project Name** : **Business Environment Reforms**  
**Project No.** : SOL 38151-01  
**Executing Agency** : To be determined.  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 600,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Industry & Trade /Small & Medium Scale Enterprises

**Objectives and Scope:**

The proposed technical assistance (TA) will support the Government in improving the legal and regulatory frameworks governing private business activity. The efficiency of the country's legal and regulatory business environment will be improved with a view to reducing risk, uncertainty, and transaction costs for private businesses, improving corporate and public governance, and increasing productivity and investment. This will include reforms of commercial laws, regulations, and supporting legal institutions. As part of regional TA 6162-REG: Improving the Legal Business Environment in the Pacific, ADB is assisting the Government to help formulate a relevant reform agenda. This proposed country-specific TA will complement these efforts by helping implement the reform agenda once established by the regional TA.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services will be required for expertise in commercial legal frameworks, and legal drafting.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: August 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants will be made upon TA approval.

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**L. VIETNAM**

**L.1: Project Name** : **Benefit Sharing Mechanisms for People Affected by Power Projects in Viet Nam**  
**Project No.** : VIE 39379-01  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 150,000.00

**Sector/Sub-sector** : Energy /Energy Sector Development

**Objectives and Scope:**

The technical assistance (TA) will assist the Government of Viet Nam in developing a national policy framework for a benefit sharing mechanism for power generation projects. The purpose of the TA is to prepare guidelines on benefit sharing mechanisms of power generation projects in Viet Nam.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: August 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**L.2: Project Name** : **Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan**

**Project No.** : VIE 39387-01  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 1,000,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Energy /Energy Sector Development

**Objectives and Scope:**

The overall goal of the technical assistance (TA) is to restore the income and develop a sustainable livelihood development program for the affected people of Son La Hydropower Project. The TA will develop a framework for integration of appropriate livelihood programs for the affected people such as ethnic minority and other affected groups into the resettlement plan. In addition, the TA will develop an action plan for implementation of livelihood and resettlement plan of Son La Hydropower Project under Northern Power Expansion Project.

**Consulting Services:** Consulting services yet to be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Beginning of Fact-finding Mission: July 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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**L. 3: Project Name** : **Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Microfinance**

**Project No.** : VIE 39100-01  
**Executing Agency** : State Bank of Vietnam  
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**TA Amount** : US\$ 240,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Finance /Micro-finance

**Objectives and Scope:**

The technical assistance (TA) will contribute to the development of a sound regulatory and supervisory environment for the micro-finance sector that encourages market-oriented, financially self-sustainable micro-finance institutions (MFIs) that contribute to poverty reduction and the country's economic growth and prosperity. The TA will assist the Government to implement, monitor, and review the regulatory and supervisory framework embodied in Decree 28/2005/ND-CP on the Organization and Operation of MFIs in Viet Nam. Key outputs will include (i) revised, as appropriate, supervisory manuals and procedures that are consistent with the decree; (ii) revised, as appropriate, supervisory manuals and procedures that are consistent with the decree; (iii) improved capacity of the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) staff to carry out their duties and responsibilities to regulate and supervise micro-finance; (iv) improved knowledge of micro-finance practitioners regarding their responsibilities under the new decree and the circulars, regulations, guidelines, and instructions to be issued; and (v) a framework for monitoring development of the sector.

**Consulting Services:** The TA will require 5.5 person-months of consulting services, including 4.0 person-months of international consulting and 1.5 person-months of

domestic consulting. International consultants will include a microfinance and legal specialist/team leader (2.0 person-months) and a microfinance supervision specialist (2.0 person-months). The domestic consultant will be an accounting specialist (1.5 person-months).

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 20 May 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place around August 2005.

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**L.4: Project Name** : **Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance**  
**Project No.** : VIE 39123-01  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Planning and Investment  
**TA Amount** : US\$ 650,000.00  
**Sector/Sub-sector** : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy / Economic Management

**Objectives and Scope:**

The goal of the proposed advisory technical assistance (ADTA) is to assist in developing institutional capability of the Daknong province to improve its poverty reduction and growth performance. The purpose of the project is to assist the administration of Daknong province to: (i) strengthen its institutional and management capacities through training of key officials at all levels;(ii) establish an effective planning process, with a consistent set of local policy making guidelines and development results framework; (iii) improve alignment of public investments towards poverty reduction, social equity and sustainable economic growth; (iv) be proactive in resource mobilization, investment and export promotion; (v) design and implement targeted poverty reduction programs, taking into account gender and ethnic minority issues; and (v) develop results indicators and monitoring system for monitoring progress in socioeconomic development.

**Consulting Services:** To be determined.

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding Mission completed: 25 May 2005.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** To be determined.

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