

Afghan Advertisements

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Precurement Entries	NPA on behalf of De Afghanistan Bank
Funded By	World Bank
project Description / Ref No.	Acquisition of PCIDS Certification for the National Switch Payment system at APS by DA Afghanistan Bank (DAB)
Deadline for EOI Submission	NPA Reference No: NPA/DAB/1400/C-S-2770/QCBS July 12, 2021 at 14:00 (Kabul Local Time).
Address for Submission of EoIs	Attention: Tending Classification Secretariat Office 1st Floor of National Security Management Authority Building, Administrative Office of the President, Pashotoonwan Way, Kabul, Afghanistan Electronic mail address: ids.op@npa.gov.af Telephone No +93 (0) 20 262-6201 +93 (0) 20 2747488 Interested bidders may download RFP and TOR from our website: www.npa.gov.af www.telephone.net
RFP will available at	In case of any problem in downloading, may obtain the same by sending e-mail at the address: ids.op@npa.gov.af , ids.op@npa.gov.af or C:\himmatullah@gmail.com Additional email address: himmattullah@gmail.com & samirah.immattullah@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BIDDING

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Purchased Entities	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
Financed By	World Bank
Item Description / Ref No.	Procurement of the Hiring of the Firms for Rental Vehicles of Field Offices Ref No: NP/AMRD/1400/NS-1270BC (MRRD/CAP/SPS/300) Ref No: 252, 2021 at 16:00 Hours (Local Time). Attention: The opening of bids received will be held immediately after the deadline. Attention: Bidding Instructions are available at the following link: Address for submission: Procurement Authority (NPA) Administrative Office of the President (AOP), Paktunistan War, Kabul, Afghanistan Kabul Afghanistan. Telephone: (+93) 202922620 Email: helpdesk@npa.gov.af
Website	Interested bidders may download the complete Bidding Documents from our website: www.npa.gov.af or www.aigovs.net and in case of any problem in downloading, may obtain the same by sending e-mail at the following e-mail address: info@nppa.gov.af or info@nppa.gov.af or info@nppa.gov.af
Bid Security for	Lot#1 – Western Region, \$90,000 AFN Lot#2 – North West Region, 400,000 AFN Lot#3 – Southern Region, 960,000 AFN Lot#4 – South Region, 700,000 AFN Lot#5 – North East Region, 1,270,000 AFN Lot#6 – East Region, 1,680,000 AFN Lot#7 – Paktia Region, 870,000 AFN

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR THE
SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL ENERGY CONSULTANT

Country: Afghanistan
Ministry: Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
Name of Project: (A)2018/003 Community Support Project for Afghanistan
Type of Agreement: Selection of International Financial Consultant
Project ID: P141610
Reference Number: M03RMD/ASIA-SFSP-13
Issue Date: 15/04/2021
Issue Date: 30/04/2021
Contract ID: 16240000000000000000

1. Background
 The main objective of the Central Asia South Asia (CASA)1000 Community Support Project for Afghanistan is to provide access to electricity and other community infrastructure services to communities in the project area in order to strengthen the resilience of the communities.

2. Basis of Agreement
 The basis of agreement is the selection of feasibility studies, detailed engineering design, project costing, bill of quantities (BOQ), scope of work, and construction management services for the construction of rural roads, power lines, and distribution networks. The project is located in the provinces of Badkhash, Faryab, Herat, and Kandahar.

3. Terms of Reference
 The Terms of Reference (TOR) are available in ACP and K&W versions.

4. Qualifications
 The qualifications of the firm are in Energy Policy, Electrical Engineering and related field. A candidate should be an Engineer (Eng) or Professional Engineer (PE) or equivalent professional qualification with a valid affidavit.

Work Experience
 At least 10 years of relevant design work experience in engineering design and development of a least one of the following rural infrastructure projects – 1000 rural roads, solar street lighting, power lines, and distribution networks.

Exposures of interviewee to the project
 The interviewee is required to be a written form in the affidavit above (person) or by e-mail on **15/04/2021**.

5. Contact Information
 Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), Afghanistan
 MRRD Complex, Tashkent Street, Charkh Dar, Kabul, Afghanistan
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New CARE research reveals COVID-19 is compounding barriers to health care for displaced women & girls

implications. The data confirms that women and girls on the move have been and continue to face crucial challenges to their health and overall protection. We must take urgent action to guarantee that the COVID-19 response and other humanitarian and recovery efforts promote gender equality and women's empowerment and are

Victor Moses, CARE Afghanistan Country Director: "The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified the already desperate humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, where so many are already living a hunger crisis, while millions have been uprooted from their homes due to the ongoing conflict. COVID has greatly affected the Afghanistan economy, and this has been difficult."

UN: Revealing Taliban's strategy to defeat al-Qaeda and Central Asia

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Construction

what kind of leverage does the Taliban have with the Central Asian states to put pressure on them in preventing the possible deployment of new US military bases in the region?

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groups living in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan as a threat to the security of the entire region. Recall, the first group of radical Islamists from Central Asia who found refuge in Afghanistan in the mid-90s was the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), which had close and trusting ties with both Al Qaeda and the Taliban. Currently, Uighur fighters of Turkistan Islamic Part-

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Afghanistan: "During COVID-19, we have no jobs, we were all at home and used all the food we had. My husband was sick, and we had nothing to eat so we decided to marry our [young] girl to get food and water for eating and drinking. Our neighbors did not let us do this and helped us with food."

Syrian refugee woman living in England. *Tuesday, 10 October 2020*

happens in every home, and we can't generalize. But yes, violence has increased in the home because men used to go out, charge their air and spend a long time outside. Maybe some arguments used to happen, but it would not reach violence level. Men now have to stay longer at home with children and they get annoyed at the noise which has created problems in the home." 24-year-old.

Monitoring Desk

Logic ties with n jihadists

who is a member of Al Qaeda's Shura Majlis, leads the Syrian and Iraqi branches of the group, and from two decades. According to the UN monitoring group, "Uighur militant Hajji Furen, the TIP's deputy emir, is also a deputy leader of Al Qaeda and responsible for the recruitment of foreign fighters." Such mixed appointments of group leaders highlight the close and deep ties between the two: Taliban-Al Qaeda.

The UN report found more evidence of close cooperation between Uzbek IMU jihadists and the Taliban, and that the "Taliban fighters are currently based in Faryab, Sar-e Pol and Jawzjan provinces, where they depend on the Taliban for money and weapons." The UN report also highlighted the activities of Central Asian Salafist-jihad groups such as KIB, IU and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in the northern Afghan provinces of Faryab and Kunduz under Taliban shelter and control. "The Taliban has forbidden these groups from carrying out military operations, resulting in a reduction of their income." In conclusion, UN analysts noted that pressure on the

Qaeda and Central Asian Salafi groups has not succeeded. Thus, the UN report once again refuted the Taliban's assertion that Al Qaeda and Central Asian jihadists are not present in Afghanistan.

Conclusion

Thus, it can be assumed that while US military pressure persists, the Taliban's tactics will continue to publicly deny their true relationships and close ties with Al Qaeda, Central Asian jihadists, and other transnational terrorist groups in the country. But as long as the Taliban's perception of its own level of influence and control in Afghanistan remains high, insurgents will continue to insist that they are abiding by the accord with the US.

The Taliban's strategy is to build the foundation of their "soft power" through the patronage and protection of Al Qaeda and Central Asian Salafi-jihadi groups in

Thus, in this complex process, not only material interests, but also common religious roots originating in the Hanafi school of Sunni Islamic theology and mutual sympathy for jihadist ideological visions might play a significant role.

The author is doctor of political science and expert on political Islam. This article also appeared in Modern Policy Weblog.

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