

Capacity Building for the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism

October 1, 2004

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently announced the opportunity of \$30 million in potential procurement of goods and services in Afghanistan.

Project Name: Regional Airports Rehabilitation Project Phase I

Loan Number: AFG 37136-01

Loan Amount: US \$30 million

Executing Agency: Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism

Objectives and Scope:

The objective of the project is to assist the government in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country by rehabilitating regional airports damaged during two decades of conflict and neglect. The project will:

- Rehabilitate 7 regional airports at Bamyan, Chaghcharan, Faizabad, Farah, Maimana, Galai-naw, and Zaranj;
- Provide human resources development program to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism;
- Provide post-construction operations assistance after the completion of airport rehabilitation;
- Provide administrative support to set up and operate the project steering committee and the project implementation unit;
- Engage a project management consultant

Procurement of Goods :

Procurement of goods, services, and civil works to be financed under the project will be carried out in accordance with the ADB's guidelines for procurement. Due to the emergency nature of implementing the project, the government requested flexible application of such guidelines. This involves, among others, shorter bidding period for international procurement if required. The government procurement unit of Afghanistan reconstruction and development services (ARDS) will undertake all international procurements, including recruitment of project management consultants. All contracts for civil works and supply of equipment will be divided into suitable contract packages. The civil works contracts are packaged as design-build to ensure delivery within the project implementation period. The civil works contracts will be awarded following International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures. The contracts for navigational aid equipment will be procured using International Shopping (IS) procedures in view of the fact that (i) a limited number of suppliers are available; (ii) purchase of equipment needs to be expedited in consideration of the emergency nature of the project. All International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)-certified manufacturers and suppliers of concerned navigational aid equipment will be invited in the course of International Shopping. Some of the project airports are located in the western part of the country, where ADB non-member countries, particularly in the gulf region, are competitive sources of materials,

especially bitumen, required for runway pavement. In order to maximize the benefits of the proposed assistance to Afghanistan, the mission will seek ADB management's and Board's consideration for relaxation of eligibility criteria for procurement of bitumen from non-member countries in the gulf region.

Procurement of Services:

Consulting services will be required to assist the executing agency in the implementation of the project. The consulting services will involve:

- Overall project management as part of the project implementation unit;
- Assistance in the procurement of civil works;
- Supervision of construction and installation of equipment;
- Testing and certifying completed works;
- Implementation and supervision of the training component;
- Designing of accounting systems for project implementation and airport operation;
- Provision of assistance for institutional capacity building of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism;
- Provision of post-construction operations assistance and provision of on-the-job training for rehabilitation regional airports airport operations and maintenance; Benefit monitoring and evaluation.

The consultants will be selected and appointed by the quality- and cost-based selection method using full technical proposals in accordance with ADB's guidelines on the use of consultants and arrangements satisfactory to ADB for engaging domestic consultants. The consulting services will require about 301 person-months of international consultants and about 152 person-months of domestic consultants. For designing of the accounting system, individual consultants will be engaged separately for 24 person-months of international and 24 person-months of domestic.

Project processing stage: Management review

Completed: September 8, 2004

How to Apply and Assistance for U.S. Firms:

This is an early report to notify prospective U.S. exporters of subsequent formal consideration of development projects by the ADB board of directors. Generally tender documents are issued 12-24 months after loan approval. Interested prospective U.S. contractors and equipment suppliers should contact the persons listed below to position themselves for the upcoming opportunities. U.S. consultants should contact the persons listed below and submit an expression of interest (EOI) to the national executing agency to market their firms' expertise and experience on similar past projects and eventually receive notices of upcoming tenders. An EOI can be transmitted on-line through the ADB's Web site (www.adb.org).

To be considered for employment, consultants must register on the ADB's DACON (data on consulting firms) and DICON (data on individual consultants) systems, otherwise, their EOIs will not be accepted. DACON and DICON registration can be done on-line at www.adb.org/consulting. U.S. firms may also send a notification copy of their EOIs to the U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB:

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The U.S. Commercial Liaison Office works closely with the Office of the U.S. Executive Director to the ADB to increase American awareness of, and participation in, the ADB's activities. This office is ready to provide assistance to U.S. firms upon request.

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