

## **Capacity Building for the Ministry of Finance**

July 1, 2004

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently announced the opportunity of \$3.01 million in potential procurement of consulting services under the ADB Technical Assistance (TA) programs.

**Project Name:** Capacity Building for the Ministry of Finance

**Project No.:** AFG 37053-01

**Technical Assistance Amount:** US\$3.01 million

**Executing Agency:** Ministry of Finance

### **Objectives and Scope:**

The goal of the technical assistance (TA) is to strengthen the macro-economic management capacity of the Islamic Transitional Government of Afghanistan. The purpose is to continue strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Finance in its key functions such as the development of the national budget (both operational/recurrent as well as development), budget execution, revenue generation and expenditure management, as well as to implement needed reforms.

**Consulting Services:** Four advisors (two long-term and two short-term) will provide technical assistance to the minister, deputy minister as well as the head of the treasury unit, debt sustainability unit, and the grant management unit as needed during 1383 (2004/2005) and 1384 (2005/2006).

**Project Processing Stage:** Fact-finding mission

**Completed:** May 20, 2004.

**Recruitment of Consultants:** Recruitment of consultants expected to take place in July 2004.

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

The Asian Development Bank selects a consultant for a Technical Assistance grant based on its prior Expression of Interest (EOI). An EOI can be transmitted on-line through the ADB's Web site ([www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org)); afterward it will be acknowledged automatically. Firms may opt to send a hardcopy follow-up EOI addressed to Mr. Robert J. Robertson, officer-in-charge, consulting services division, with a copy to the ADB project officer. The EOI should relate a firm's experience and expertise to the ADB project. It is important for a U.S. firm to emphasize its similar project experience in the country or in a similar geographic area rather than presenting a general profile of its consulting activities. A separate EOI should be submitted for each project. The project name indicated in the EOI should exactly match that listed here to avoid confusion.

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](http://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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U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB  
Attention: Frank Foster, Senior Commercial Officer  
PSC 500 Box 33  
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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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