

Herat-Andkhoy Road Project

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The Asian Development Bank recently announced the opportunity for consultant services for Afghanistan.

Project Name: Herat-Andkhoy Road Project

Executing Agency: Afghan Ministry of Public Works

Brief Description of Project:

The technical assistance (TA) will carry out a project preparatory study about the rehabilitation and improvement of the road connecting Herat to Andkhoy with due consideration to the possible alternative alignments and design standards, in accordance with the latest ADB requirements, guidelines, and handbooks for project preparation and implementation.

The primary goal of the TA is to:

- further elaborate the scope of the required improvement;
- assess the feasibility of the improvement from the engineering, economic, social, and environmental points of view;
- and prepare a project suitable for implementation with ADB financing.

The output of the TA will be

- a detailed evaluation of the project impacts and risks, and proposals for mitigation measures;
- recommendation of project implementation arrangements suitable for the post-conflict situation in Afghanistan;
- preliminary engineering designs, preliminary cost estimates, and outline technical specifications;
- and requirements for sustainability of the investment.

These will be prepared in a format suitable for use in further processing by ADB for possible loan financing.

Brief Description of Consultant Services:

A multi-disciplinary team of consultants will provide a total input of 76 person-months of consulting services: 32 international and 44 domestic. The consultants will have expertise in:

- road engineering
- transport economics
- environmental assessment
- social analysis

The team of consultants, from an international consulting firm in association with the domestic consultants, will be selected and engaged by ADB using ADB's quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) procedures and in accordance with its guidelines on the use of consultants (using the

simplified technical proposal procedure) and other arrangements satisfactory ADB for engaging domestic consultants.

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); afterward it will be acknowledged automatically. 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.

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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U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB
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6811 Ayala Avenue
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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.

For more information on this project, contact the Commercial Specialist at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul:

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