

## **Capacity Building for the Ministry of Water and Power**

October 1, 2004

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently announced the opportunity of \$50 million in potential procurement of consulting services in Afghanistan.

**Project Name:** Power Transmission and Distribution Project

**Loan Number:** AFG 37078-01

**Executing agency:** Ministry of Water and Power

**Loan amount:** US\$ 50 million

### **Objectives and Scope:**

The project's objective is to reduce poverty and improve livelihood in selected areas in northern, eastern, central and southern Afghanistan by rehabilitating and extending power transmission and distribution in those locations. The project will rehabilitate and construct about 290 kilometers of 110kv and 220kv transmission lines, 10 substations, and distribution networks at 9 locations.

### **Procurement:**

Procurement of goods and services to be financed under the project will be carried out in accordance with ADB's guidelines for procurement. Turnkey Contract for the design-build of the transmission lines, substations and distribution networks will be procured

Through international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures. Contract for the supply of equipment with value of not more than \$0.5 million will be procured through international shopping (is) procedures, and through ICB procedures if valued above \$0.5 million.

### **Consulting Services:**

About 40 person-months of international and 100 person-months of domestic consultants will be required.

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

- Preparation of bid documents;
- Bid evaluation;
- Supervision of design-build turnkey contracts;
- Monitoring and evaluation;
- Capacity building and
- Training in project management and maintenance;
- Environment, social and resettlement monitoring.

All consultants financed from the proposed ABD loan will be selected and

Engaged in accordance with ABD guidelines on the use of Consultants and other arrangements for recruitment of domestic consultants acceptable to ABD following the Quality-and-cost-based selection (QCBS) method. Advance recruitment of consultants will be undertaken.

**Project processing stage:** Fact-finding mission

**Completed:** September 5, 2004.

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](http://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](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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