

## NDS Raid: 3 Taliban Killed, as Many Arrested in Kunduz

**Three Taliban commanders were killed and as many held during overnight raid by National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel in the Gul Tapa district of northern Kunduz province, the Spy Network said in a statement on Monday.**

KUNDUZ - Maulvi Hekmatullah, Abdul Qadir and Maulvi Abdul Khaleq were among the dead notorious Taliban commanders in the overnight raid, according to the NDS statement.

It added, three more Taliban a long with their weapons had been arrested in the overnight raid. Lal Mohammad, Mohammad Rasoul and Jan Mohammad are the arrested Taliban.

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## Residents Want Dara-I-Sauf-Aibak Road Constructed



AIBAK - Residents of Dara-i-Sauf district in northern Samangan provinces complain against the dilapidated condition of the road leading to Aibak, the provincial capital. They are forced to go to Aibak through Balkh province. The district - divided into two

Dara-i-Sauf Bala and Dara-i-Sauf Paeen -- is situated 120 kilometers from Aibak and its residents have to travel several extra miles to reach the provincial capital. Locals say a 50-kilometre stretch of the 120-kilometre route was graveled ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



### Da Afghanistan Bank Financial Sector Rapid Response Project Procurement Department

#### (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

**Country:** Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

**Assignment Title:** Security Assessment of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) IT Infrastructure

**Duration of Assignment:** 9 Nine Months

**REOI Reference No:** NPA/DAB/96/Cs-1522/QCBS

**Implementing Agency:** Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)

**Duty Station:** Kabul, Afghanistan

**Contract Type:** Lumpsum

#### 1. Background

Da Afghanistan Bank, the Central Bank of Afghanistan, established the Information Technology Department in 2005 to create a technological base for DAB departments' automation and integration with the operating branches to have integrated financial system. The purpose of establishing IT department was to enable the technically strengthened DAB to further enhance its reach and capability towards achieving the strategic goals and objectives.

Following the Kabul Bank crisis in the end of 2010 the Government of Afghanistan approached the international community, led by the IMF, to assist the Government in stabilizing and strengthening the banking sector and laying the foundation for banking sector development in the country. The World Bank provided positive response to the request of the Afghan Government by designing a project called the Financial Sector Rapid Response Project (FSRRP) focusing on a set of selected activities that would help restore public confidence in the strengthened and secured banking sector.

#### 2. Objectives of the Assignment

a. Achieve enhanced competency and assurance of security system of DAB's Information Technology infrastructure, platforms and ATS (RTGS, ACH & CSD), the Core Banking System (CBS), the Financial System (ERP), the National Switch (APS) and all current applications of DAB, an assessment of the current security measures and recommendations to DAB with the right solution in order to increase the security measures to international best standard.

a. The Information Security (IS) Assessment will entail conducting a risk assessment of the IS Systems at the Bank including identification and evaluation of the risks and method of mitigation of such risks. In the light of the risk assessment exercise, the selected consulting firms should recommend and assist in implementing a set of international best practices governing the Management of Information Systems in the Banking Sector world-wide. The Consultant shall also assess the compliance of the regulatory standards.

b. In order to achieve the above objectives, DAB is looking for qualified and competent firms who have enough experience in security assessment and possess the required security and ISO certification to do the said security assessment with their certified information security staff and tools.

#### 3. Scope of the services

The scope of this assignment involves a comprehensive review of the Central Bank applications, the database, network infrastructure, physical security and procedures, all data centers (Production, Near DR and far DR)

For further information on the scope of the services, you can access the ToR under the above mentioned assignment title and reference number on the website: [www.npa.gov.af](http://www.npa.gov.af), [www.dab.gov.af](http://www.dab.gov.af)

#### 4. Qualification Requirements/Short listing Criteria:

Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience.

The short listing criteria are:

- The Consultant should be a registered legal entity.
- Consultants should provide a company profile that includes the following information:
  - Business name, address and contact person
  - Brief history of the company/firm to include length of time in business, the names of the company's/firm's Principals or Partners and the present number of full-time employees and their designations
  - Organizational structure, including details regarding ownership, management team and structure, history, major clients and industry experience
  - Details of professional indemnity and general insurance coverage
- Average annual turnover during the last three years (2014, 2015 and 2016) should not be less than equivalent value of USD 550,000.00. In case of Joint Venture the turnover criteria should be met together by the JV Partners.
- The consultant shall provide proven experience for a minimum of one contract with the value of USD 300,000.00 having executed during last 5 years of similar nature indicating the duration, value and years of performance, which should showcase the expertise/ strength of the consultant for undertaking such assignments. The consultants are required to provide copies of the similar contract along with clients' certificate towards completion of such assignments with their EOI.

v. The Consultant while describing the assignment(s) should furnish the following details:

- Consultant should explain in what way the executed assignment(s) was/were similar in nature to the current assignment
- The Consultant should explain the exact role played by the Consultant in the assignment and was the assignment carried out in association with other firms as JV partner or as sub-consultant.
- Key-person inputs provided by the Consultant in executing the assignment giving particulars such as qualification and experience of Key staff provided for the assignment (CVs of such key staff are not required to be attached)

vi. The firm should possess the necessary information security certification, ISO standards and with information security certified staff and enough experience in the field of security assessment. The information security certification and ISO standards that the firm must have are indicated below:

- CISSP
- CISA
- ISO/IEC 27001:2013 Auditor/Lead Auditor
- CRISC
- QSA/ISA

#### Additional Requirement are as under:

The company /service partner must be a qualified security accessory (QSA), and must have acted as independent security organizations qualified by PCI SSC to validate an entity's adherence to PCI DSS requirements are referred to as "Qualified Security Assessor Companies" or "QSA Companies." Validation of PCI DSS requirements by QSA Companies is important to the effectiveness of the PCI DSS; and the quality, reliability, and consistency of a QSA Company's work provides confidence that cardholder data is adequately protected. The company must also possess the following qualifications:

- Payment Application – Qualified Security Assessor (PA-QSA),
- PCI Forensics Investigator (PFI),
- Qualified Security Assessor for Point-to-Point Encryption (QSA (P2PE))
- Payment Application – Qualified Security Assessor for Point-to-Point Encryption (PA-QSA (P2PE)).
- Proof of registration as Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) company together with proof of registration of its QSA employees, both obtained from the PCI Council,
- List of payment processors got certified in the last three years through the Consultant, as QSA company,
- List of Banks got certified in the last three years through the Consultant, as QSA company,
- List of identified technical team members proposed for this assignment, their qualification and certification as QSA employees, and the PCI DSS certification projects they have done.

vii. Consultant having some regional experience is desirable.

viii. Eligibility requirements in compliance with paragraphs 3.21, 3.22, & 3.23 of the *World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement In investment Projects Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016*. The consultants should also provide a copy of the certification of incorporation/business license.

In providing the above-mentioned information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services, the consultants should also provide the following documents as supplementary information:

#### 5. Special requirements for Consultants working in Joint Venture, Consortium or Association:

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. If consultants intend to associate with other firms, they are advised to clearly identify the lead partner and state the composition and nature of their association (JV/ sub-consultant) in their EOI.

In case associations between the firms are in the form of JV, the following requirements will strictly apply:

- Only the firm meeting above criteria substantially shall act as the Lead Partner of the JV. In case, more than one firm meet the above criteria substantially, any of those firms can act as the Lead Partner
- The Consultant should specify which firm in the JV would provide the required Key Staff and how that firm is competent to provide such a Key Staff.

There is no such requirement if the association is in the form of sub-consultancy.

#### 6. Legal References

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the *World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement In investment Projects Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016*, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers available at [www.worldbank.org/](http://www.worldbank.org/).

#### 7. Method of Selection

A Consultant will be selected through **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** in accordance with the *World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement In investment Projects Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016*.

#### 8. Submission of EOI

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by September, 20 2017 14:00 Hrs (Kabul Local Time) duly quoting the case's reference number i.e. **DAB IT Security Assessment/ NPA/DAB/96/Cs-1522/QCBS**

Further information in respect to this REOI can be obtained at the address below by email or in person during office hours [08:00 AM -04:00 PM].

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