



## Government is the Only Authorized Institution to Negotiate Peace Deal

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KABUL - The Chief Executive of the National Unity Government Abdullah Abdullah has said the Afghan government is the only institution which is the authority to negotiate a peace deal with the Taliban. He made the remarks during the first meeting of the advisory board

for peace which was held in ARG Presidential Palace today. Abdullah further added that any progress in regards to the peace process will be publicized; no information will be held back from the Afghan people. He asserted that government is the only institution authorized to con-

duct the negotiations, according to ARG Presidential Palace. This comes as the Taliban political leaders are scheduled to meet the U.S. Special Advisor for Afghanistan Reconciliation Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad in United Arab Emirates today. "Another ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## Trump to Review Case of Soldier Charged with Murdering Afghan

*President Ghani says district governors also play a crucial role in stability of the system.*

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump said Sunday that he will review the case of a soldier charged with premeditated murder for killing an alleged bomb-maker in Afghanistan. "I will be reviewing the case of a 'U.S. Military hero,' Major Matt Golsteyn, who is charged with murder," Trump wrote on Twitter. The president's tweet mentioned Fox News, the channel on which Golsteyn's attorney and his wife were interviewed about the issue earlier in the day. US media reported that the



soldier killed the suspected bomb-maker after he was detained in 2010, and that Golsteyn admitted to doing so

both to the CIA in 2011 and on Fox in 2016. The latter appearance prompted the military ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

## Wolesi Jirga Poll Results from 4 More Provinces Unveiled



KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Monday announced results of the October 21-22 Wolesi Jirga elections from Kunduz, Herat, Helmand and Kandahar provinces. Based on the preliminary re-

sults, the winning candidates are: Kunduz: Abdul Raouf Ibrahimy has bagged 2,986 votes Eng. Kamal Safi has won 2,276 votes ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## 5 Militants Killed, 2 Wounded in Uruzgan Airstrikes

KABUL - At least five militants were killed and two others were wounded in airstrikes in southern Uruzgan province of Afghanistan, the Afghan Military said. According to a statement released by 205th Atal Corps of the Afghan Military in the South, the airstrikes were carried out in the vicinity of Tarinkot city. The statement further added that the militants were targeted in Sarkham area of the city, leaving at least five dead and two others wounded. A Dshk heavy machine gun, a ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Space Lease for Fiber Optic Cable on DABS MV Power Line Poles; DABS/97/ICB/123

COUNTRY: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
NAME OF PROJECT: Space Lease for Fiber Optic Cable on DABS MV Power Line Poles;  
Reference NO: DABS/97/ICB/123

#### EXPRESSION OF INTREST

##### Background

The proposed DABS planning for utilizing their infrastructure for installing the interested bidder's fiber optic cable on DABS's Power Distribution Network Poles (in Medium Voltage Grid) has two components: (I) DABS offering its MV (Medium Voltage) power line infrastructure (II) Investors utilizing it for installing/erecting their own fiber optic cable with as many cores as their design requires, within the current infrastructure, which at this point, it is DABS's Medium Voltage Grid Poles.

COMPONENT I: DABS is the sole provider of Electricity in Afghanistan. Having this advantage in our profile, DABS would like to invite investors to invest with DABS such that they can utilize the available resources (DABS's Medium Voltage Grid/Network Poles) and provide additional services (like providing internet or any other data transmission services). This is an invitation for a Public Private Partnership (PPP); DABS will not invest but share in with the investors in the revenue stream generated from the proposed solution.

COMPONENT II: Investors should propose a solution where they can use the existing DABS power line infrastructure and install their own fiber optic cable (with all its related fittings and equipment required for this installation, DABS will only provide the space for their fiber optic cable installation), on MV lines' poles in any/all of Afghanistan provinces, which DABS's MV lines are located mostly in high populated areas. This fiber optic metro network can provide internet or other data transmission solutions in a much higher scale than the existing. The investor should propose a complete solution, which takes care of all the aspects, from planning, deployment and delivery to end users or so, including maintenance proposal which won't raise issues to electricity continuity in DABS's power lines. Investors should provide their business plan for around 3 years. Investors should also provide their full technical proposal along with their compatibility to accomplish the target.

1. Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat now invites (expression of interest or EOI for short) from eligible service providers/firms having experience in the required areas. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.
2. The bidders should provide (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, financial annual report.). Service providers may associate to enhance their qualifications.
3. The Short Listing Criteria are:
  - The investor should be in ISP or fiber optic telecommunication business for the last 10 years or more, in the region. Understanding the requirement of both business and home users for internet & data transmission, previous experience with fiber optic telecommunication is required.
  - Must have a valid business license.
  - The investor should have already sold a bandwidth of more than 1 Gbps to the end users in the market.

- The Investor should provide the followings details as well:
  - o Business plan
  - o All related Technical plans and details of the equipment will be used in this regards
  - o Detailed information on the technology they plan to use and the space they requires in DABS premises
  - o How it can benefit DABS other than the revenue streams generated by this investment
  - o Technical information on installation processes of the interested bidder's fiber optic cable on MV power line poles, and if / if not you need power shutdown in power lines in the installation or maintenance periods.

The requirements for investors who intend to associate with other firm(s) in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) to enhance their qualifications indicated as under:

- o Lead partner should be national/international firm meeting the above requirements.
  - o JV partner should have proven expertise and experience in telecommunication for at least 8 years.
4. The interested bidders will be selected in accordance with procedure set out in the Public Procurement Law and its Procedures , Saratan 1395 ( July 2016).
  5. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1500 hours on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday.

#### Method of Selection

A firm will be selected through Quality and Cost Based Selection; it means the quality of proposal as well the cost of the proposal which generate more revenue for DABS will be taking in consideration.

Further information and Scope of Services can be obtained through emails from:

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#### Submission of EOI

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 @ 1400Hrs (Kabul Local Time)

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