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<b>Jalalabad</b> Partly Cloudy 21°C 9°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear 12°C -2°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Clear 26°C 8°C	<b>Mazar</b> Chance of Rain 14°C 7°C	<b>Herat</b> Clear 21°C -8°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Partly Cloudy 4°C -7°C	<b>Kabul</b> Partly Cloudy 13°C 1°C
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**INVITATION TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO PRE QUALIFY & BID**

The International Organization of Migration (IOM) is inviting building contractors to pre-qualify and bid for the project that will start construction in March 2015. Please refer below for the project and the minimum requirements for contractors.

Location/Reference Number	Building type	Pre-qualification documents
1. UNOCA Compound, Kabul-Jalalabad Road, Kabul, Afghanistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective is to provide 40 affordable and secure accommodations to UNDP staff and personnel in UNOCA (Accommodations Village) by first quarter of 2016. Design and preliminary works shall commence in December 2014 and construction works no later than March 2015. The accommodation will be built at the block north of the UNDP Country office (3,180 SQM currently used as parking lot).</li> <li>Two-story insulated masonry structures designed to withstand earthquakes, in a walled and landscaped block comprise the Village. Massing and character to be compatible with other fixed UNOCA Accommodations and Traditional Central Asian residential design (courtyards, enclosure walls and green spaces). The ratio of solid walls to openings and fenestration will be in character with precedence in Kabul Afghanistan.</li> <li>The individual dwellings will be configured to provide an efficient yet flexible and appropriable fashion. The dwelling units will be arrayed in a way to promote both privacy and support communal living. Good quality structures and systems, integrated with sustainability in mind. Solar heated water will support domestic water and space heating while insulated walls and windows will serve to reduce energy costs and resultant pollution. Every effort will be made to incorporate the "Greening the Blue" initiative where practical and sustainable.</li> <li>In addition to the insulation and solar heated water, the Village will take advantage of landscaping and earthwork to for example, assist with run-off retention and shading the buildings to reduce cooling costs. Rainwater collection has been considered for landscape watering. Building orientation and sun control strategies will help to create natural lit spaces with moderate heat loss and heat gain. Roofing material where exposed will be light in colour to reduce heat gain in the summer. "Green" sodded roofs may be created where accessible and useable in the support/shared buildings.</li> <li>The Project includes a common building facility that would host private shops and common services to the guests. It also includes the refurbishment of a current structure that hosts eight accommodation units, to transform it into a day care unit for UN national staff working in UNOCA. The current hard wall structure plus 631 SQM for playground area will have the capacity to accommodate up to 30 children.</li> <li>Whilst it is not intended to construct bunker space within the Village, safe room capacity will be provided in each dwelling by way of a reinforced toilet/bathroom. This safe room will be reinforced on all six sides and incorporate a forced-entry and ballistic-resistant door. The commons building will have a safe room available as well in the basement. These safe room facilities are in addition to the existing safe room spaces within the UNDP/UNOCA office building. A firefighting system has been considered for the Village.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business; written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder;</li> <li>Total monetary value of construction work performed for each of the last five years;</li> <li>Experience in works of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years, and details of work under way or contractually committed; and clients who may be contacted for further information on those contracts;</li> <li>Annual volume of construction work of at least \$4,000,000.00</li> <li>Experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least 2 Projects, works of a nature and complexity equivalent to the works over the last 5 years to comply with this requirement, cost of works cited should be at least equivalent to 100% of the estimated project cost and should be at least 70 percent complete;</li> <li>Proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipment listed in the Qualification Information;</li> <li>A Contract Manager with 5 Years' experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume;</li> <li>Liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, is no less than 50% of estimated project cost.</li> <li>Major items of construction equipment proposed to carry out the Contract;</li> <li>Qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract;</li> <li>Reports on the financial standing of the Bidder, such as profit and loss statements duly certified by the company accountant.</li> <li>Evidence of adequacy of working capital for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources);</li> <li>Authority, given to IOM, to seek references from the Bidder's Banks;</li> <li>Information regarding any litigation, current or during the last five years, in which the Bidder is involved, the parties concerned, and disputed amount; and</li> <li>Proposals for subcontracting components of the Works amounting to more than 10 percent of the Contract Price.</li> </ul>

Building contractors who meet the minimum requirements are invited to request for pre-qualifying requirements and standard forms to fill, to the address given below, before 21 February, 2015. Only pre-qualified Building Contractors will be invited to join the bidding for the above project that will be conducted in March 2015. Expressions of interest must be delivered by hand before March 1, 2015 along with complete documentation to address given below.

International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
Attn: Procurement Unit - Vladimir Maslarov  
House # 27, Street # 4, Ansari Square, Shahr-e-Naw  
E-mail: [iomkabultenderawards@iom.int](mailto:iomkabultenderawards@iom.int)

**India Refuses to Invest More in Infrastructure Project**



NEW DELHI - India has refused to invest more in a trilateral transport infrastructure project with Iran and Afghanistan catering for the transportation of Afghan mineral goods by the Iranian port Chabahar, said local media Sunday. The Indian Express quoted government sources as saying that India has rejected an Iranian demand to increase investment on the project during a visit by Indian...

**Rabbani Meets Australian Special Envoy**

KABUL - Salahuddin Rabbani, minister of foreign affairs in a meeting with Rick Welz, Australian Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan praised Australia for its assistance to Afghanistan in various fields, asking for its continued cooperation with Afghanistan. In the meeting, both sides discussed political...

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