

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

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Ministry of Finance

Afghanistan Customs Department

Second Customs Reform and Trade Facilitation Project – Additional Financing

Project ID: P155443

Grand No: D076-AF

Procurement of IT and Electrical Equipment for Data Centre at ACD

MOF-ACD/SCRTFP-PIU/16-G/KBL/0056

1. The Ministry of Finance, Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received fund from World Bank under International Development Association (IDA), a toward the cost of **Procurement of IT and Electrical Equipment for Data Centre at ACD** of Ministry of Finance, Ref. No: **MOF-ACD/SCRTFP-PIU/16-G/KBL/0056**

2. The Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above tender.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from 2nd Floor, Procurement Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, email: validnoori.piu@gmail.com and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 – 16:00 HRS Local Time on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday.

5. Qualifications requirements include:

a) Financial Capability: the Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s):

i) The bidder must have credit line (unconditional) or cash in bank account as follows: **USD 218,000 (Two Hundred and Eighteen Thousand US Dollars)**

ii) Annual turnover for each of the last five years in excess of: **USD 870,000 (Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand US Dollars)**

b) Experience: the Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it has executed and meets the following experience requirement(s):

The Bidder has satisfactorily completed at least one contract for supply of similar goods in the preceding on of the five years of: **USD 522,000 (Five Hundred and Twenty Two Thousand US Dollars)**

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below: 2nd Floor, Procurement Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at 2nd Floor, Procurement Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan or before **01 August 2017 at 10:00 HRS Local Time**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person on the same day. All bids must be accompanied by a *Bid Security* of as follow or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. The amount of bid security shall be; **USD 18,000**

8. The address referred to above is:

Attention: Ah. Walid Noori
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38 Taliban and ISIS Militants Killed in Airstrikes and Infightings

JALALABAD - At least thirty eight militants belonging to the Taliban group and ISIS terrorist group were killed in the latest airstrikes and infightings in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, local officials said Tuesday.

According to the local government officials, the latest casualties were inflicted to the fighters of the two groups in the past 24 hours in various parts of the restive Chaparhar district. The officials are saying that 27 ISIS militants and 11 Taliban insurgents were killed in total in the past 24 hours, adding that 8 ISIS ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



Security Forces among 45 Dead in Helmand Clashes

LASHKARGAH - Two security forces and 43 Taliban have been killed during a clash in four districts of southern Helmand province, officials said on Tuesday.

The clashes happened during clearing operations launched by security forces in different parts of these districts, said Umar Zwak, spokesman for the governor office.

Seven security forces and 25 Taliban have been wounded during clashes, headed.

Col. Mohammad Rassoul Zazi, commander at the 215th Maiwand Military Corps said 43 of the Taliban had been killed and 25 wounded during clearing operation in the province.

Taliban spokesman rejected security forces claims and said the group defeated security ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

US Drone Strike Kills Haqqani Network Commander



KABUL - A dreaded Haqqani Network commander has been killed in a suspected US drone strike in Pakistan tribal area, according to a media report local official said on Tuesday.

Commander Abubakar was killed on Monday night in a US drone missile strike in Speen Tal area of Hangu district, the report said. A resident of Dewal

village, Behram Khan, said three more people were injured in the strike, including a boy.

Khan said Abubakar was from Afghanistan's Khost Province and that his original name was Omar. He added that the slain commander moved to Dewal from Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal district after the Pakistani military launched ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Jawzjan: More Aid Sought for Flood-Hit Families

SHIBERGHAN - Officials in northern Jawzjan province, where 2,000 families have been affected by the rising level of water in Amu River, say only 65 household have been assisted. Abdul Qader Maliah, deputy head of the provincial council, expressed concern over the flooding and said over 2,000 families had been affected by the increasing level of water in the river in two years.

The assistance from Save the Children and International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to 65 families was far from enough, he said, calling for more help for the victims.

Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman, said the assistance from Save the Children and IOM included tents, blankets, tarpaulins, appliances, health packages and other items.

Mohammad Nazar, a resident of Qarqin district, said the aid ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Man, Woman Handed over to Taliban on Adultery Charge

SAR-I-PUL CITY - Some residents of Suzma Qela district in northern Sar-i-Pul province have handed over a 50-year-old woman and a young man to the Taliban over their alleged illicit relationship. The couple was handed over to the rebels Monday night in German village, but local officials claim the woman was victim of a conspiracy. Naseema Arzo, women's affairs director, said some residents of German village forced a young man to enter any house of the village and commit adultery with a woman. She said the villagers who had enmity with the young man, Abdul Wahid, wanted him to be indulged in adultery. She said Wahid and the accused woman were then handed over to the Taliban instead of police and the Taliban had shifted them to an undisclosed location. Asadullah Khuram, a member of the provincial council, said the woman and the man had been trapped as part of the conspiracy. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

 Convincing yourself that you're heading in the right direction is easy, but you can't get others to buy your story so quickly now. Nevertheless, sharing your plans with friends and associates is your smartest move because they will spot any faulty reasoning or missing detail. Keep in mind that your cleverness might backfire in an instant if you are overly confident in your delivery.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

 You are typically straightforward, yet your current tendency is to embellish the facts. The truth is you aren't intentionally trying to mislead anyone now; it's just that you could easily get mixed up between what you want and what is real. There's nothing wrong with chasing your dreams or taking a quick trip to Fantasyland as long as you inform everyone of your plans.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Your charming wit impresses people so much they rally to your support, only to realize your plans aren't nearly as practical as they thought. Mischievous Mercury aligns with dreamy Neptune, enhancing the colors of your fantasies while blurring your connections to the real world. Rather than needing to retell your story later on, just stick with the facts right from the beginning.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Untangling a problem today won't lead to satisfaction if your solution is anything less than enchanting. This is what Keats meant when he wrote, "Beauty is truth; truth beauty." Nevertheless, you could easily mislead yourself into believing you know where you want to go when you're actually heading somewhere else.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

 You won't likely realize how aggressive your actions are today as you strive to get what you want. Although you mean well, your friends could misinterpret your pushy behavior, setting the stage for an unnecessary confrontation. But an argument is a total waste of energy because you're probably closer to agreement now than you realize.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

 Your resources are overextended now because a recent burst of enthusiasm inspired you to agree to participate in one-too-many projects. Don't wait until mental exhaustion sets in before making a change. Instead, exercise sensible restraint; it's more important to follow through on what's already been started, even if you're tempted to head out on a search for the next big thing.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

 You're deeply engaged in a weird dance between the old and the new. Your close friends and associates urge you to leave an annoying habit behind, but you may not be ready to move beyond your attachment to the past. Paradoxically, the more you logically analyze your current affairs, the more confusing they become. Stop thinking long enough to act on your feelings instead of what someone else is telling you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

 Although there are special people in your life that you lean on when you need them, it's disconcerting if they're not readily available today. You could feel as if you have been abandoned now, but that's not what is happening at all. Your friends probably don't even realize the intensity of your current process.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

 You won't likely find happiness by tenaciously clinging to your preferred outcome today. You could come frustratingly close to reestablishing your lost sense of emotional security, but it quickly slips out of your grasp as you approach the magic moment of fulfillment. It's a waste of energy to build your hopes up only to have them dashed; instead, keep bringing your concentration back to the present.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

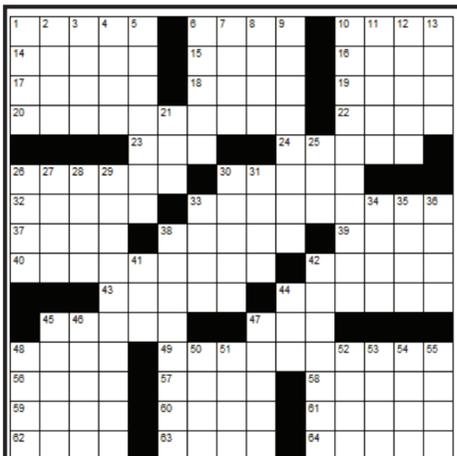
 You are distracted by watching your fantasies unfold on the cerebral silver screen inside of your head now. Although every individual scene represents a distinct possible turn of events, you would prefer to deal with the hard facts and not these dreamy illusions. But you can't put a stop to your thoughts by official decree.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

 You may be experimenting with a more poetic style of expression that requires you to set aside your logical perspective on life. There's less need to worry about your productivity today, since your real work is about reconnecting with your soul. Although you might not be able to explain your current spiritual yearnings to anyone else now, rest assured that the right words will come later.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

 You are blessed with the ability to commune with your spiritual nature, even if you're too busy to pursue more social interests. Satisfaction has nothing to do with how long you can escape from your hectic schedule now; it's more to do with how you use whatever time you have available. Simply setting aside a few minutes for meditation or relaxation could be sufficient to get you back in a more peaceful groove.



Across

1. Behind bars, 6. Charity, ,10. A Greek territorial unit 14. Pertaining to the moon, 15. Rich soil, 16. False god, ,17. A kind of macaw 18. Hubs, 19. Bristle, 20. A type of lender, 22. Portent, ,23. Wager 24. Unit of gold purity, 26. African foxlike animal, 30. Pasture, 32. Dimwit, 33. Hastily, 37. Past tense of Leap, 38. Fertile areas, 39. Train track, 40. Casts, 42. Look closely, 43. Garbage, 44. Ransom, 45. Take as one's own, 47. Ambition, 48. Affirm, 49. Recover, 56. Sodium chloride, 57. Atop 58. Not urban, 59. Friends and neighbors, 60. 1/100th of a dollar, 61. Site of the Trojan War, 62. Kill, 63. T T T, 64. Nipples, ,

Down

1. Applaud, 2. Emanation, 3. Chew, 4. Acquire deservedly 5. Coarse unbleached linen, 6. Bestow, 7. Search, 8. A ceremonial staff, 9. People who smile offensively, 10. Disarrayed, 11. Swelling under the skin, 12. Sacred song, 13. Distinctive flair, 21. Record (abbrev.), 25. Anagram of "Ail", 26. Dossier, 27. Biblical garden, 28. Bites, 29. Remarkable, 30. A friction match, 31. Angers, 33. Stop, 34. Broad valley, 35. Not pre-recorded, 36. The original matter (cosmology), 38. Block, 41. Chart, 42. Mark for misconduct, 44. Tear, 45. Utilize, 46. Greek letter, 47. Parental sisters, 48. Questions, 50. Type of sword, 51. Ice cream holder, 52. Govern, 53. Diva's solo, 54. Tight, 55. Shade trees,

Yesterday's Solution



ahead, annoy, apathy, avoid, aware, baffle, bench, biped, blade, border, delete, enemy, enhance, escort, expire, fiber flesh, fluid, four, frighten group, hamper, hire, indifferently, murder, object, outline, pile, promote, rune secret, spine

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T P R O M O T E T A B L E
I E I I N W O U T L I N E
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