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**German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan
Regional Infrastructure Development Fund - RIDF**



Co-financed by KfW German Development Bank

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**Prequalification
Design and Construction – Irrigation and Flood Protection in Northern Afghanistan**

2 Irrigation Projects in Kunduz

For the purpose of improving agricultural production and increasing the income of the local population, two design and construction projects in the irrigation sector are planned in Kunduz province of Afghanistan:

1. KDZ-I-2011-01 - Construction of Protection Wall for Dasht-e-Archi Canal and Intake in Dasht-e-Archi district, total length 2,030 m
2. KDZ-I-2011-02 - Construction of Protection Wall for Shahrawan-Qiam Intake Canals in Imam Sahib district, total length 2,700 m

Main items of the projects are design and construction of flood protection walls and repair works of river bank protection in gabion, stonemasonry and/or RCC/PCC construction.

The projects are co-financed by the German Development Bank KfW, in the scope of the German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan, and will be implemented through the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), conditional to actual budget allocation.

Afghan contractors and international contractors with a base in Afghanistan with experience as General Contractors in the design and construction flood protection – preferably in Northern Afghanistan – are herewith invited to apply for prequalification for above two projects. International contractors are explicitly encouraged to form Joint Ventures with national/local contractors.

Tendering will be undertaken according to KfW-Development Bank's Guidelines for Procurement, a copy of which can be downloaded at <https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf>.

Interested contractors shall request the prequalification document by e-mail from info@ridf-af.org clearly stating "2 Irrigation Projects in Kunduz" in the subject line. The request for the prequalification document must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone and e-mail.

Contractors fulfilling these requirements will be sent the prequalification document via e-mail.

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The deadline for submittal of the completed prequalification document is 04 April 2015.



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India Ready to Help Exploit Afghan Minerals

KABUL - India's foreign secretary Dr. S. Jaishankar on Wednesday said his country was committed to helping Afghanistan in future and was ready for cooperation to develop the war-torn country's mineral resources.

Dr. S. Jaishankar called on President Ashraf Ghani at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, a statement from the palace said. Jaishankar ex-



tended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's condolences to the president over the recent natural calamity in Afghanistan and announced India's readiness in assisting with relief effort. ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

US Paid \$6mln for Civilian Harm in Afghanistan



WASHINGTON - The U.S. military has paid nearly \$6 million to civilians killed and injured in combat operations over almost 10 years of war in Afghanistan, according to the latest numbers released by the Army Central. These sums, known as condolence payments, are among ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

MAIL Forecasts Rainfall While Researchers Warn of Drought

KABUL - Despite fears among many farmers and researchers, officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) have voiced optimism about the small likelihood of any major droughts occurring this year. "Considering the rainfall and snowfall of the past few weeks, we are optimistic that the level of crops ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Former Deputy Head of ACB Imprisoned

KABUL - Mohibullah Safi, former deputy head of the Afghan Central Bank (ACB), and one of the main defendants in the Kabul Bank corruption case, has been arrested and imprisoned in Kabul, the Attorney General's Office announced on Tuesday. ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Smith Supports Slowing Afghan Drawdown

WASHINGTON - The top Democrat on the US House Armed Services Committee said Wednesday he supported slowing down the pace of the U.S. troop drawdown in Afghanistan.

"For my part, I support increased flexibility in the pace of drawdown of our troops," Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.) said in prepared remarks before a House Armed Services Committee hearing on Afghanistan. "Staying in ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

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