

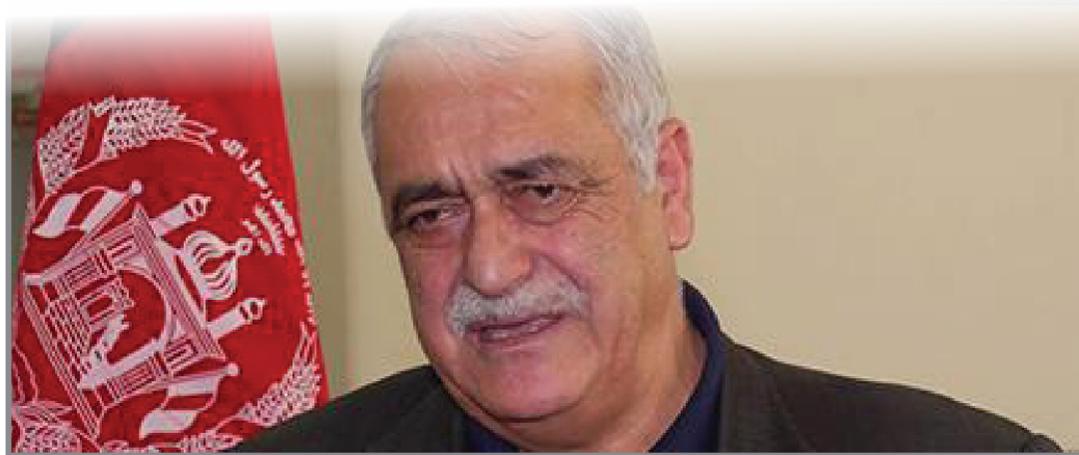


HOOAC

An Independent Anti-Corruption Body is Needed

Following the announcement of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, the High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption (HOOAC) said an independent department should be established to implement the new anti-corruption strategy.

KABUL - HOOAC head Ghulam Husain Fakhri said on Monday that establishing an independent anti-corruption body is the best option to fight corruption and insisted that the body should be free of any interference and its chairman should be elected. Based on the new anti-corruption strategy, the High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption will be dissolved. The High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption officials said they have investigated 600 corruption cases in the last 10 years and 400 employees work for the office. "An office should be established that in addition to having financial and structural authorities, should not be subjected to short-term and seasonal policies and should take actions independently," said Fakhri. One of the main concerns of the institutions fighting corruption is that there is not an independent office to fight the



phenomena, to implement the new anti-corruption strategy and to hold accountable corrupt people, especially those involved in major cases. Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA) meanwhile said the new strategy is not a comprehensive strategy. "The anti-corruption strategy lacks an implementation plan and that is not an effective strategy," ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

OSCE-Supported Academic Forum Promotes Economic Co-Operation on Afghanistan



ASHGABAT - Policymakers, diplomats and experts from the research institutes and economic sectors representing the countries of Central, South and Southwest Asia participated in an OSCE-supported academic forum held as part of the Seventh Regional Economic Co-operation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA VII). The forum discussed opportunities and ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

As Afghan War Grinds on, A Marginalized Young Generation Raises its Voice



HERAT - It is "show time" on Asia Television in Western Afghanistan as talk show guest Somaia Ramish replies to a pointed question about war and peace. "Fortunately, women haven't had a major role in the conflict or the destruction of Afghanistan, which strengthens our voices at the peace table," said ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Afghan Student Develops Bill-Paying App

KABUL - Nusrat said the app can be installed on smart phones connected to the internet and people can pay their bills online. An Afghan student has developed an application called Chattak Help which members of the public can use to pay their water and electricity bills. The Afghan student, Mirwais Nusrat, who is studying construction engineering, said the application is designed to be installed on smart phones connected to the internet and then customers and relevant companies can create accounts. According to Nusrat, the companies can send their customers their accounts via the app and customers can then pay their bills by using their phones. Nusrat said his new app aims to make the process of paying bills easier for people and that he also wants to help in anti-corruption

efforts. "This app helps us to know our costs and also the money that we should pay. The meters will be read accurately and this will prevent any type of corruption," said Nusrat. People can use the application while their smart phones are connected to internet, but when the phones are disconnected, then what will happen? "There are ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Afghan Troops Repulse Major Taliban Assault

30 militants, 5 troops killed in Maruf district of Kandahar province

KANDHAR - Afghan security forces on Monday claimed to have repulsed a coordinated Taliban assault, aimed at capturing strategically important Maruf district in southern Kandahar province. Maruf is located on key route linking a number of southern provinces. "An air support was called to repulse the attack. A number of Taliban commanders and up to 30 armed rebels have been killed," Mohammad Najibullah, spokesman ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

For procurement of
BANDWIDTH SERVICES FOR 12 VSAT SITES IN AFGHANISTAN
IFB No: NPA/ACAA/96/NCS-1883/ICB

National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of Bandwidth Services for 12 VSAT Sites in Afghanistan, IFB No: NPA/ACAA/96/NCS-1883/ICB

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law and Procurement, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Sources/Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

Interested eligible bidders may download bid document in English version from NPA Website: www.npa.gov.af, or obtain by email from address: nooria.parsa@aop.gov.af copy to: hayat@acaa.gov.af, zamarai.jalalzai@acaa.gov.af, or receive by flash memory at the address given below from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on any working day from Saturday to Thursday

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) mentioned as below in USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency

Bid Security (USD) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.	Valid as per below
94,500 USD	Bank Security should be valid for 118 days from bid submission deadline till 16/03/2018

Pre- Bid meeting shall be held at 10.00 AM on 11- November - 2017 at ACAA Office, Next to afghan film, Ansari watt Shash Darak, Kabul, Afghanistan

Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10.00 AM (local time) on 19th - November- 2017. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids are not being opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person. The address referred to above is:

National Procurement Authority (NPA), 4th Floors, Administrative office of the president (AOP) Kabul, Afghanistan, Pashtunistan, Watt, and Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

For procurement of
Services for Microwave Connectivity System
IFB No: NPA/ACAA/96/NCS-1890/ICB

National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement services for Microwave Connectivity System, IFB No: NPA/ACAA/96/NCS-1890/ICB

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Bid Security (USD) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.	Valid as per below
45,000 USD	Bank Security should be valid for 118 days from bid submission deadline till 15/03/2018

Pre- Bid meeting shall be held at 10.00 Am. on 08- November - 2017 at ACAA Office, Next to afghan film, Ansari watt, Shash Darak, Kabul, Afghanistan

Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10.00 AM (Kabul local time) on 18th - November- 2017. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids are not being opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person. The address referred to above is:

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