



# Afghanistan Engineer District-South (AES)

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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## AES Contracting Division Mission

To award and administer contracts in support of the integrated Afghan National Security / Coalition Forces' Counter-Insurgency (COIN) Operations - aimed at improving the lives of the Afghan people by providing projects that build skilled human capital, employ the local populace and promote the future stability of Afghanistan. We issue contracts for construction, architecture, engineer design and other engineering services. We also administer operations and maintenance contracts in support of existing facilities and supply and service contracts focused on building a sustainable future for the people of Afghanistan.

## AES Key Tasks:

- Execute a military construction (MILCON) program in support of U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A) expansion
- Execute an Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) construction program
- Execute the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) of enduring ANSF facilities
- Execute an Afghanistan Sustainable Development Program for roads, water and power
- Develop an aggressive Real Estate Program that protects and recognizes the rights of Afghan property ownership



## Enablers

- Integrate with Coalition Forces battle space owners, interagency and international partners
- Build capacity through a technical development initiative. Areas of emphasis include:
  - Authority to hire Afghan national workers
  - Co-design with Ministries
  - Develop Afghan civilian Architect/Engineer capabilities
  - Mentor construction management staff

## AES Four Major Program Areas:

1. USACE contributes to the Afghanistan National Security Force Program by designing and constructing facilities for the Afghan National Army, Afghan National Police and other defense sectors. Typical facilities consist of barracks, dining, administration, maintenance, utility systems and other associated structures to meet ANSF mission requirements.
2. USACE provides engineering and technical support to the Department of Defense and its Military Construction requirements in Afghanistan. These requirements include runways, airfield facilities, ammunition supply points, military housing, operations centers, and associated infrastructure and utility systems.
3. Counter-Narcotics/Border Management Initiative (CN/BMI Program) oversees the construction of forward operating bases and border crossings, as well as other projects such as the National Investigative Unit, Judicial Center and Joint Aviation Facilities in Afghanistan.
4. Strategic Reconstruction Program - Through this program, the AES staff works with USAID, and other donor nations and agencies to identify areas where projects have an immediate effect building alternative livelihoods, creating ownership and eroding enemy support. Some Strategic Reconstruction projects are funded by the Commander's Emergency Relief Program (CERP) and include projects such as water management studies, power initiatives, and construction of national and provincial roads. In addition to CERP we do other road projects in support of the Asian Development Bank and provide improved access for coalition, Afghan National Army and Afghan Police Forces to ensure security throughout the country - and improve access for Afghan people to participate in governance, education, health, trade and other development projects.

On any given day in AES, thousands of Afghans are at work on Corps projects scattered around the country. AES Afghan First Initiative focuses on placing more work with Afghan nationals and firms. The number of Afghan construction firms submitting proposals on AES projects has significantly increased. About 55 percent of AES contracts are being awarded to Afghan or Afghan-American firms.

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