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## Afghanistan Engineer District-South

### Our People

The Afghanistan Engineer District-South team is committed to executing quality and timely construction and engineering operations in Regional Commands-South, Southwest and West in Afghanistan to support the United States Forces – Afghanistan and the integrated Afghan National Security/Coalition Forces' counter-insurgency operations. The district employs about 400 people – military, civilian and contractors. Our workforce includes Afghan citizens.

The headquarters is managed and staffed much like any other USACE district, with a commander, deputy commander, senior noncommissioned officer and deputy for programs and project management.

The district has four area offices in Kandahar, Herat, and Helmand provinces and 12 subordinate resident offices throughout Afghanistan's south and west. The field offices are generally comprised of an officer in charge, an area or resident engineer, project engineers, construction representatives, safety specialists, information technology specialists and administrative personnel.

### Our Mission

To execute quality and timely construction and engineering operations in the RC-South, RC-Southwest and RC-West in support of the USFOR-A mission and the integrated Afghan National Security / Coalition Forces' counter-insurgency (COIN) operations aimed at protecting the population and defeating the Insurgency Forces (INS). On order, provide sustainable development projects for the Afghan people that employ the populace, build skilled human capital and promote the future stability of Afghanistan.

Today, the district has a \$2.3 billion program with an aggressive construction schedule across all project categories.



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The district is using construction techniques, such as arch-span construction, to save time and money and has implemented austere construction standards that are sustainable by locals in developing nations.

Simpler designs with low-fuel requirements will be easier and more cost-effective for Afghans to operate and maintain well into the future.

### **Our Work**

The Afghanistan Engineer District-South is one of two USACE districts that support U.S. efforts in Afghanistan.

The district was established on Aug. 3, 2009, with headquarters located at Kandahar Airfield.

The district designs and constructs projects in three broad categories:

- **Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)** – These projects, specifically for the national army and national police, include complete operating bases, training ranges, hospitals and police headquarters compounds.
- **U.S. military construction** - These projects such as airfields, barracks, warehouses and medical facilities support U.S. Forces.
- **Afghanistan Sustainable Development Program** – Public works such as roads, water and energy projects for the Afghan people.

### **USACE History in Afghanistan**

In September of 2002, USACE established the Afghanistan Area Office in Kabul. As the workload increased, USACE converted the area office to a robust district in 2004.

Five years after its creation, USACE enacted another change to meet the increased engineering requirements and thus established the Afghanistan Engineer District-South in Kandahar. The Afghanistan Engineer District-North remains in Kabul. Both districts report to the Transatlantic Division located in Winchester, Virginia.



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