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DISTRCT CLOSSES FISCAL YEAR WITH \$1.2 BILLION PROGRAM, 'AFGHAN FIRST' CONTRACTS A BIG PART OF FY2010, 2011 PROGRAMS

KABUL, Afghanistan – The Afghanistan Engineer District – North closed out Fiscal Year 2010 with a program valued at \$1.2 billion. The district awarded 166 contracts for each of its functional areas, including Afghanistan National Army, Afghanistan National Police, Military Construction, Infrastructure & Planning, Operations & Maintenance and Service Contracts.

Of the \$1.2 billion, \$347.3 million went into the district's Afghanistan National Army program. In FY 2010, the district awarded 17 contracts for projects ranging from headquarters brigade kandaks to the regional military training center in Gamberi as well as upgrades to existing facilities.

The district awarded \$108.6 million under its Afghanistan National Police program for 36 ANP projects ranging in scope and size from uniformed police district headquarters to border police headquarters and medical clinics.

The district also awarded 38 new contracts under its Military Construction program, which supports new construction and upgrades for Coalition Forces bases. The Military Construction program accounts for \$589 million of the total program value and includes projects such as the medical logistics warehouse at Bagram Airfield, the dining facility at Forward Operating Base Shank, and the airstrip, taxiway and helicopter ramps at both FOB Sharana and FOB Shank.

The district's Operations & Maintenance program, which includes the upkeep and maintenance of completed Afghanistan National Army and Afghanistan National Police facilities, accounted for \$56.7 million of the total program. The contracts also call for training of Afghanistan Department of Public Works employees, to whom the responsibilities of operations and maintenance will be passed. The district awarded 37 contracts for Operations & Maintenance in FY 2010.

\$68.3 million went into the district's Infrastructure & Planning program, accounting for 17 projects ranging from watershed assessments and roads to school upgrades and dams.

The district awarded two contracts under its Service contracts program, which account for \$25 million of the overall program. Service contracts include de-mining labor, construction support and security services.

In FY 2011, the district's program is projected to encompass 237 new contract awards with a total program value of \$2.66 billion. Some of these projected awards include: uniformed and border police headquarters buildings, Coalition Forces base construction, ANA infantry kandaks and headquarters facilities, watershed assessments, dam construction and expansion of the district's solar streetlight project in Kabul.

In FY 2010, the Afghanistan Engineer District – North awarded a total of 86 contracts to Afghan firms, employing a total of more than 40,000 Afghan men and women throughout the northern region of Afghanistan. Of those 86

contract awards to Afghan firms, 24 were awarded under the “Afghan First” limited competition procurement strategy. Contracts awarded to Afghan firms totaled \$279 million of the total program in FY 2010.

In FY 2011, the district expects to award 92 contracts to Afghan firms under the “Afghan First” limited competition procurement strategy, an increase of 68 over FY 2010. The total program value of those contracts will account for \$327 million of the total program.

Contracts that qualify to be awarded under the “Afghan First” limited competition procurement strategy are typically valued under \$7.8 million. Afghan firms are free to compete for contracts under the “Full and Open” procurement strategy and are invited to compete under the “Simplified Acquisition Procedures” limited competition procurement strategy. In FY 2010, 41 Afghan firms were awarded contracts under the “Full and Open” procurement strategy and 21 Afghan firms were awarded contracts under the “Simplified Acquisition Procedures” procurement strategy.

The Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District – North oversees construction efforts in the 24 northern provinces of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The district is comprised of nearly 1,200 Department of Defense civilians, active duty and reserve military, and U.S. and Afghan contractors.

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