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## Afghanistan Engineer District-South builds strong in November

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Staying on schedule and meeting critical construction timelines are some of the top priorities for Air Force Col. Benjamin Wham, the Afghanistan Engineer District-South commander. To ensure that the South District meets those expectations, construction contracts must be awarded in a timely fashion and work on the job sites must progress at a rapid pace.

“We’ve got more than 290 projects ongoing right now at a value of more than \$2.50 billion,” said Bill Stout, P.E., the district’s chief of construction.” In November, we placed \$62.0 million of construction which is 98.70% of our scheduled total for the month. These values are expected to rise as we become more efficient in performance of our construction placement.”

As 2014 quickly approaches, getting projects completed is the primary focus of the district. “We’ve got a lot of work ahead of us; a lot of placement,” said Wham. “But, every project we complete helps move Afghans closer to self-governance and our military towards mission complete.”

In November, the South District turned over the following construction projects:

- Command and Control Facility at Kandahar Airfield—a \$12.2 million project awarded in September 2009.
- Rotary Wing Parking and Taxiway, Forward Operating Base Dwyer, Helmand province, a \$14.9 million project awarded February 2010.
- CSSB Yard, Kandahar Airfield, a \$6.3 million project awarded April 2009.



- Fuel Spill Containment at Camp Zafar and Shindand Airfield, Herat province—a \$317,000 project awarded March 27, 2011.



- Afghan National Army Troop Medical Clinic, Camp Zafar, Herat province—a \$1.67 million project awarded February 2011.



- Class 1 Yard, Kandahar Airfield—a \$5.8 million project awarded February 2009.



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