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## Corps of Engineers awards \$34.9 million contract to build Afghan National Army training center

**KABUL** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced this week the award of a \$34.9 million contract to design and construct an Afghanistan National Army Regional Military Training Center located in Gardez, Paktya Province.

The training center will be built within an existing Afghan Army garrison, Camp Thunder, a large Afghan military base located just south of Kabul in northern Afghanistan. It will be used to train Afghan army personnel and build up the Afghanistan military.

The RMTC will house approximately 3,000 personnel consisting of trainees and staff and will provide support for 10,000 visitors and staff. The training compound will consist of many buildings to include a commissary and finance office building, administration buildings, enlisted and officer barracks, eight classroom buildings to accommodate up to 2,000 students total, weapon storage facilities, a dining facility, laundry quarters and a vehicle maintenance facility.

Construction on the RMTC is scheduled to begin this month and be complete in August 2012.

The contract was awarded to a joint venture construction firm. The partnership is comprised of two construction firms - Supreme Ideas LLC, based in Wilmington, Del. and Highland Al Hujaz LLC, based in New York, NY.

The Corps of Engineers is the primary organization building army bases, police stations, roads, airstrips and other infrastructure projects in Afghanistan to increase the country's stability and economy. The Corps of Engineers has two districts in the country – Afghanistan Engineer District-North, which is based in Kabul; and Afghanistan Engineer District-South, which is based in Kandahar.

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