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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers begins construction on \$45 million in Afghan National Army Garrison expansions

Kabul – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$45 million in contracts to expand two Afghan National Army brigade garrisons in northern Afghanistan this week.

The first contract, for \$17 million is to expand an ANA brigade garrison in Infantry Kandak Field Operating Base located in the Qaysar District of Faryab Province.

The project will consist of a headquarters building, barracks, a morale, welfare and recreation building, a dining facility, a force protection wall and guard towers, training, storage and support facilities and independent utilities to accommodate approximately 796 personnel.

The Kandak, or Afghan brigade will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 will include the construction of barracks, latrines, the dining facility, electric generator plant and distribution, water well and pump, water distribution system, wastewater treatment and sewage collection system to be completed within 190 days.

Following the completion of Phase 1, ANA troops shall move from their temporary tent camp that has been established at the site.

Phase 2 will include the construction of a medical clinic, training building, vehicle maintenance and fuel supply depot, parade grounds, sports field, bunkers, aggregate roads, parking lots and walkways.

Kabul-based Omran Consulting Construction and Engineering Co. has been awarded the multi-million dollar contract.

The second contract, for \$28 million is for the expansion, design and construction of the Kunduz ANA Garrison located in Kunduz Province.

The expansion will provide additional facilities and infrastructure to house incoming personnel. The existing garrison is currently designed for a housing population of approximately 2,200. The new upgrades will accommodate an additional 2,000 personnel making it possible to have a total garrison population of 4,200 people.

The project consists of a headquarters building, administrative facilities, officer and NCO barracks; bathrooms; a dining facility; a morale, welfare and recreation facility; a tactical operations center, classrooms; training buildings and a motor pool.

Biltek Construction Co. based out of Turkey, has been awarded the contract.

Construction for both garrison expansions is scheduled to be complete by the summer of 2012.

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.