In a phone call late on Tuesday, the two leaders discussed the impact of President Trump’s South Asia strategy over the past year, and a statement from the White House added:

"Pence and Ghani exchanged views on the current security situation in Afghanistan and efforts to initiate a peace process."

Privacy: Mattis

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**German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan**

**Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**

**Financed by KfW - German Development Bank**

**Regional Infrastructure Development Fund - RIDF**


**Prequalification**

Construction of Flood Protection Wall, Sholgara District, Balkh Province

Design and Construction of 1500 m Flood Protection Wall in Sholgara district (Dyke construction, Gabion blankets and aprons, gabion Spur with Gabion aprons).

Main components of the project are engineering survey, design and construction; these include topographic and geotechnical surveys, determination of the final alignment, detailed design drawings for the works, stone masonry works, concrete works, and construction of cofferdams and dewatering for the construction works.

The project is financed by the German Development Bank KfW, in the scope of the German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan, and will be implemented through the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), conditional to actual budget allocation.

Contractors with a base in Afghanistan with experience as General Contractors in the design and construction of Flood Protection Works and associated structures – preferably in Northern Afghanistan – are hereby invited to apply for prequalification for the above project. International contractors are explicitly encouraged to form joint Ventures with national/local contractors.

Tendering will be undertaken according to KfW-Development Bank’s “Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and associated Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries” (August 2016), which can be downloaded at: https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf.

Interested contractors shall request the prequalification documents by e-mail from info@ridf-af.org. The full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone and e-mail, shall be provided in the request for the prequalification documents must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone and e-mail.

The deadline for submission of the completed prequalification documents is 29 September, 2018.