I Have ‘Accelerated’ Negotiations to End Afghanistan War

President Donald Trump during his State of the Union speech on Tuesday said he has “accelerated” negotiations to reach a political settlement in Afghanistan.

WASHINGTON - “I have also accelerated our negotiations to reach a political settlement in Afghanistan. Our troops have fought with unmatched valor — and thanks to their bravery, we are now able to pursue a political solution to this long and bloody conflict,” Trump said.

He also indicated that there would gradually be a drawdown of American forces from Afghanistan as the talks progressed. He also indicated that he was open to leaving a counterterrorism force, likely consisting of special operators and intelligence operations. “So we make progress in those negotiations, we will be able to reduce our troop presence and focus on counterterrorism. We do not know whether we will achieve an agreement, but we do know that after two decades of war, the hour has come to at least try for peace,” he said.

Qassem, also chief advisor on infrastructure and technology to the President, said: “(More on P4)... (8)

Bill Printing Charge

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Kabul Consumers Docry DABS for 10afs Bill Printing Charge

KARUL - Some residents of central capital Kabul complain the Da Afghanistan Bank that collects extra 10 afghanis as bill printing charge, something they termed unfair. According to the power utility, it has 475,000 consumers all over the country and based on their number, the power utility collects 47 million afghanis extra as bill printing cost. Nangiyal Woman, a resident of Kabul, told Pashto Afghan News: “...More on PBl.60”

No Ceasefire Before US Pullout Timetable: Taliban

KARUL - A top Taliban negotiator has once again ruled out agreeing to a ceasefire until international forces are pulled out of Afghanistan. Sheh Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, who headed the Taliban delegation at peace negotiations with the US, said in an interview with the BBC: “More on PBl.75”

$325 Million Grant Agreement Signed with World Bank

KARUL - The Ministry of Finance and the World Bank on Wednesday signed a grant agreement worth $325 million to support economic empowerment, service delivery and institutional reforms in Afghanistan.

The agreement was signed between acting Finance Minister Dr. Hamayoun Qayousmi and World Bank Country Director for Afghanistan Shubh Dhawan Chauhan, the Finance Ministry and the bank said a joint statement. Speaking on the occasion, Qassem, also chief advisor on infrastructure and technology to the President, said: “(More on PBl.60)”

Invitation for Bids

Date: 06 February 2019
NCS No.: DSP/FPWL-Q1NCB
Title: De-mining of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Lamen Ring Road Project (151km)
Deadline for Submission of Bids 20 February 2019: 14:00 PM hrs, Kabul Local Time
1. Dongung Engineering Co., Ltd, contracted with POM/MPW for Detailed Design of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Lamen Ring Road Project.
2. Dongung Engineering Co., Ltd invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the De-mining of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Lamen Ring Road Project (151km) (“The Works”).
3. National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB’s Single Stage: One envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
A. Experience
(i) The Bidders shall have an annual turnover (calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed) for the last five (5) years of at least US$ 800,000.
(ii) Using Forms FIN - 3 and FIN - 4 in Section 4 (Bidding Forms), the Bidders must demonstrate access to, or availability of, liquid assets, bank of statements, (other than any contractual advance payments) to meet the Bidders financial resources requirement indicated in Form FIN-4.
(iii) Liquid Assets mean cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, short-term marketable securities, marketable securities, trade receivables, short-term financing receivables and other assets that can be converted into cash within ONE YEAR.
B. Experience
The Bidders shall have participated in at least one contract within the last eight (8) years that have been successfully or substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidders’ participation as prime contractor exceeds one contract US$ 480,000. The similarity of the Bidders participation shall be based on the De-mining works as described in Section 8, Employer’s Requirements.
For other qualifying criteria please refer to Section 3 (Evaluation and Qualification criteria) of the Bidding Document.
5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact: Dongung Engineering Co., Ltd. and or PMO Office MPW Airport Hans-Shamsi Road, Khanwara Rawash and or PMO Office, First Mazar-i-Sharif 151, Kabul, Afghanistan Tel: +93 799-627-6201 & 070-260-6073 Email: gobiadad14@gmail.com CC: amirsharad@gmail.com
6. To receive the bidding documents in English, eligible Bidders should:
- Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for DSP/FPWL-Q1NCB; De-mining of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Lamen Ring Road Project (151km).
- The bid document is Free of cost.
7. Deliver your bid:
On or before the deadline: 20 February 2019: 14:00 PM hrs Kabul Local Time
Together with Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents.
Bids will be opened 14:00 PM on the same day for bid submission in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.
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