**Quote of the Day**

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**Nation Running Out of Patience: Govt Tells Election Commission**

**Second Vice President said there is a need for systematic reform to be put in place within the election commission.**

**KABUL - Second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danzad on Sunday criticized the Independent Election Commission (IEC) over its poor management process, saying the IEC has committed an act of oppression against the people of Afghanistan. Allegations of fraud, violations and corruption against the election commission have raised questions on the image of the Afghan people and the Afghan government in the international arena, said Danish, amid growing calls for an IEC reshuffle.**

**KABUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Raeesi on Sunday said it was essential for the Afghan- Pakistani peace efforts to deliver ‘positive results’ in order to maintain and consolidate the war-torn nation’s achievements.**

Addressing the two-day ‘First India-Central Asia Dialogue’ in historic city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Raeesi once again emphasized the importance of the leadership and ownership of the peace process by the government and people of Afghanistan. **(More on P6-0)**

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**Invitation for Bids**

**Date: 14 January 2019**

**NCB No.: DS-MNPWQL-01/NCB**

**Title: De-mining of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Leman Ring Road Project (151km)**

**Deadlines for Submission of Bids: 4 February 2019; 14:00 PM hrs, Kabul Local Time**

1. Dongpeng Engineering Co., Ltd. contacted with PMO/MPW for Consultancy Services for Detailed Design of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Leman Ring Road Project.

2. Dongpeng Engineering Co., Ltd. invited sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the De-mining of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Leman Ring Road Project (151km) (the ‘Project’).

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. Financial**

   (i) The Bidder shall have an average annual construction turnover (calculated as pre-tax profit after tax received for contracts in progress or completed) within the last three (3) years of at least US $300,000.

   (ii) Using Forms FIN-2 and FIN-4 in Section 4 (Bidding Forms) the Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, liquid assets, bank of statements, or other contractual advance payments to meet the Bidder’s financial resources requirement indicated in Form FIN-4.

   (iii) Liquid Assets means cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, short-term available-for-sale securities, marketable securities, trade receivables, short-term financing receivables and other assets that can be converted into cash within ONE YEAR.

   **B. Experience**

   The Bidder shall have participated 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 Bidder’s participation as prime contractor exceeds one contract US $480,000. The similarity of the Bidder’s participation shall be based on the De-mining works as described in Section 6. 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:

   **Dongpeng Engineering Co., Ltd.**
   Airpot Wahana Sharan Road, Towana Rawash, Kabul, Afghanistan
   Tel. +93 79-072-6031
   Email: weixiao14@gmail.com

6. To receive the bidding documents in electronic, eligible Bidders should:

   • Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for DS-MNPWQL-01/NCB.
   • Write to address of part of Qaisar-Bala-Murghab-Leman Ring Road Project (151km).
   • The bid document is Free of cost.

7. Deliver your bid:

   **On or before the deadline: 04 February 2019; 14:00 PM hrs, Kabul Local Time**

   **At the address above requested in the Bidding Document. Bids will be opened 14:00 PM at the same day for bid submission in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.**

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**US, Qatar to Work Together on Afghan Peace Process and Security Challenges**

**Pompeo and Qatar Foreign Minister said they would work jointly over the Afghan peace process and addressing regional security challenges.**

**KABUL - US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Qatar Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani on Sunday said Doha will work alongside Washington to address a number of security challenges in the region, including Afghanistan.**

**Qatar Foreign Minister meanwhile said Doha will work jointly with Washington on Afghan peace process, adding that the Taliban’s political office in Qatar is an example of Qatar’s efforts over the Afghan peace process.**

Al-Thani and Pompeo made the remarks at the Second Qatar-US Strategic Dialogue held in Doha on Sunday. The United States and Qatar are working together to address a number of regional security challenges including in Afghanistan and Iraq, said Pompeo.

**Meanwhile, sources close to Taliban on Sunday said the US and Qatar are working together on Afghan peace process.**

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**Mail Program Helps More Than 30 Thousand Afghan Women Facing Economic Challenges**

**KABUL - The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock of Afghanistan (MAIL) has assisted more than 30 thousand Afghan women who were facing economic challenges through its 1397 fiscal year upliftment program by creating green houses, domestic gardens, vegetable process centers and distribution of working kits.**

**MAIL spokesman Akbar Rostami said around 30,305 women have benefited from the program during the 1397 fiscal year.**

**KABUL - US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Qatar Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani on Sunday said Doha and Washington will work together on the Afghan peace process.**

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