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For each award using any of the Recommendations in Attachment 1, COs and AOs are responsible for electronically forwarding the following information, in the following format, to the Agency Competition Advocate at the following e-mail address: Agency Competition Advocate (aca@usaid.gov). Use the following format for the message:

Subject line: Award using Expedited A&A Procedures for Afghanistan

1. Award number. (Be sure this number clearly indicates if the award is an initial award, a modification or amendment, a purchase order, a task order, or a modification to either a purchase order or task order.)
2. Name of awardee.
3. Obligated amount of award.
4. Total estimated cost of award.
5. Period of performance (effective date and estimated completion date).
6. A summary statement describing the resulting award.
7. Specific Action Memorandum Recommendation(s) used in the award, and a brief summary of competition decisions (sole source, basis for limiting the number of sources for a competition, etc.).

## **POINT OF CONTACT**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Action Memorandum "Expedited Acquisition and Assistance Procedure for Activities and Programs in Response to the Afghanistan Crisis," signed by the Administrator on February 15, 2002, with Tab A, Determination and Findings. Also, the extension approved on January 15, 2003.
2. Administrator's Executive Messages of June 6, 2002, "Central Asia Crisis Task Force: Dissolution and Succession," and October 4, 2001, "Central Asia Task Force" (Tab B of Attachment 1).

**AAPD 03-06 Expedited Acquisition and Assistance Procedures for Afghanistan  
Attachment 1**

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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Administrator

FROM: Director, Central Asia Task Force, Bernd McConnell | S |  
M/OP/OD, Mark Ward | S |  
GC, John S. Gardner | S |

SUBJECT: Expedited Acquisition and Assistance Procedure for  
Activities and Programs in Response to the  
Afghanistan Crisis.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether to approve the use of other than full and open competition in soliciting and awarding contracts and grants, as well as other waivers, to facilitate and expedite the implementation of programs and activities related to the crisis in Afghanistan.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

The aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, has far-reaching consequences for USAID programs in Afghanistan. The Central Asia Task Force, in the USAID General Notice of October 4, 2001, (Tab B), is charged with leading the "...Agency's response to this fast-changing situation..." and for centralizing "...policy and resource allocation decisions for Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Central Asian Republics". In carrying out this responsibility, the Task Force must ensure that the Agency can act "swiftly and creatively" in fulfilling USAID's role in responding to the crisis.

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Pursuant to your recent decision, the Task Force will be addressing post-emergency planning and implementation of the USAID program for Afghanistan. Some of the critical actions which will drive the work of the Task Force include:

- On September 27, 2001, United Nations Agencies issued a "Donor Alert" calling for more than \$584 million in funding for humanitarian assistance and protection programs for up to 7.5 million Afghans, including up to 6 million vulnerable people inside Afghanistan and up to another 1.5 million refugees outside Afghanistan's borders.
- On October 4, 2001, the President announced a \$320 million assistance program for Afghanistan. Funding will support assistance to Afghans both inside and outside Afghanistan's borders, with support for food and a wide variety of other relief needs.

The current assistance planned for Afghanistan is layered on top of an already troublesome history of two decades of war. These years of war, including a decade-long Soviet occupation and ensuing civil strife, have left Afghanistan impoverished and mired in an extended humanitarian crisis. The calamitous years of repressive Taliban rule caused a drastic decline in the human, political and civil rights of the Afghan people, particularly among women, girls and ethnic minorities. Humanitarian prospects worsened sharply in Afghanistan in September 2001 due to developments both inside and outside the country--most notably, the withdrawal of the international staff of most relief agencies and the exodus of Afghans from major Afghan cities to the country's borders. Both of these events were triggered by the fear of U.S. reprisals against the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden--the leading suspect in the September 11 terrorist attack against the United States.

In response to the deteriorating situation, on October 4, 2001, the Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, Christina B. Rocca, re-declared a complex humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan for FY2002.

The recent two-decade history of Afghanistan and the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks clearly indicate the emergency nature of this situation. The Central









We recommend that you make the above finding and authorize the waiver of source, origin and nationality requirements for goods and services purchased for purposes of carrying out the mandate of the Central Asia Task Force with respect to Afghanistan to be made from Geographic Code 935, as discussed above.

Approve: /S/

Disapprove:

Date: 15 Feb 2002

In addition to the above, the Task Force will pursue other actions to facilitate the speedy implementation of activities in Afghanistan. These actions include:

- (1) Increasing the grant-making authority of the USAID/Afghanistan mission director to \$2,000,000 for use in circumstances when the services of an Agreement officer are not readily available, subject to legal and procurement office local staff review. (If necessary, ad hoc delegations can be requested in a greater amount and will be expedited by M/OP.)
- (2) Ensuring maximum use of existing instruments designed to enable fast track assistance and acquisition processing (e.g., IQCS, grants under contracts mechanism, Leader/Associate assistance instruments). Use of existing mechanisms is stressed since it is unlikely that new awards could be made in time to support the efforts of the Central Asia Task Force with regard to Afghanistan.
- (3) Encouraging the use of Public International organizations (PIOs) to the extent their programs and USAID goals are similar. Use of PIOs is encouraged because they are likely to already be involved in the delivery of humanitarian assistance in the area and because there is no competition necessary to make the award.



CLEARANCE PAGE FOR ACTION MEMORANDUM requesting decision on Expedited Acquisition and Assistance Procedures for Activities and Programs in Response to the Afghanistan Crisis

Clearances:

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