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## **New \$27 million US-Afghan project to improve electricity delivery in Kandahar**

**KABUL, AFGHANISTAN** – senior officials from Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), Afghanistan’s national power utility, signed a contract with an international consulting firm on Sunday, August 31, as part of a nationwide Power Transmission Expansion and Connectivity (PTEC) Program financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project is designed to improve power distribution in throughout southern Kandahar province.

The 4-year, \$27.5 million Kandahar Management Support contract will be managed by Dubai-headquartered Power Generation Solutions and will help DABS increase revenue collections by improving the company’s billing systems through the installation of tamper-proof digital meters in both homes and businesses.

“The long-term plan is for DABS to provide Afghanistan with power from less expensive sources and for users to pay for it. USAID has helped DABS to acquire the technology, training, and the capacity needed to give reliable and affordable electricity to the people of Afghanistan,” said James Hope, Acting USAID Mission Director.

The assistance will also help DABS establish a network of customer service centers in Kandahar province and improve the overall electricity distribution infrastructure.

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