



SIGAR

Office of the Special Inspector General
for Afghanistan Reconstruction

June 26, 2014

Executive Departments and Agencies:

In 2013, I requested U.S. government agencies conducting reconstruction activities in Afghanistan, along with select agencies with smaller reconstruction roles, to provide my office with program and contract data relating to those activities.

We received responses from the Department of State, Department of Defense, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. However, several of the agencies with smaller roles in Afghanistan reconstruction did not respond or provided answers that were incomplete.

Please direct your agency to provide comprehensive information on all of your completed, ongoing, and planned reconstruction projects in Afghanistan between fiscal year 2002 and the present. The information should include the following:

- Name and description of the project or program activity
- Vendor or implementing partner (if applicable)
- Contract identifier and type of legal instrument, i.e., contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or government-to-government agreement (if applicable)
- Estimated total project cost
- Start and end date (or expected end date if the project is ongoing)
- Funding source
- Location, including province, district, city/village, and Global Positioning System or Military Grid Reference System coordinates

Please provide the information listed above to Jack Mitchell, Director of the Office of Special Projects, no later than July 26, 2014. If your agency does not have any completed, ongoing, or planned reconstruction programs in Afghanistan, please provide a written statement to that effect.

I am submitting this request pursuant to my authority under Public Law No. 110-181, as amended, and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. Please contact Mr. Mitchell at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Sopko
Special Inspector General
for Afghanistan Reconstruction

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General

The Honorable Jeh C. Johnson
Secretary of Homeland Security

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation

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Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Acting)

Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)

From: Charles Siner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:18 PM
To: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US)
Cc: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)
Subject: FY2013 SP Data Request
Attachments: SIGAR FY2013 Data Call.xlsb

Jack,

Please find attached the data requested by Mr. Sopko. Please advise me if you need more detail or any additional information.

Kind regards,

Charlie Siner

Charles P. Siner

Deputy Director

Afghanistan Investment and Reconstruction Task Force

U.S. Department of Commerce, HCHB 3421

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Washington, DC 20230

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Appropriation Year	Program Name	Program Description	Vendor/Implementing Partner	Legal Instrument	Identifier	Project Cost	Start Date	End Date	Funding Source	Benefiting Country/Region
2011	Marble Feasibility Study	Assess the feasibility of establishing an Afghanistan center of excellence for their "extractive industries" and to determine the human capital needs to do so - if applicable	Commonwealth Trading Partners, Inc.	Contract	D11PD19142	\$487,680.44	9/19/2011	12/18/2011	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2011	MOU w/CLDP	Agreement to fund design, organization and execution of five commercial law technical assistance projects	Commercial Law Development Program	DOC internalEconomy Act MOU	ITA-11-PAY-132 MAC	\$1,153,086.07	8/25/2011	9/30/2011	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2012	Afghanistan Marble Industry Center of Excellence	Create a Marble Center of Excellence to support Afghan marble industry	FLAG International, LLC	Contract	D12PS00461	\$2,883,903.00	9/5/2012	9/5/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2012	Afghanistan Business Development Program	Develop key business sectors: agribusiness, construction, construction materials, and marble/mining	METIS, Inc.	Contract	D12PC00534/0002	\$1,897,094.22	9/24/2012	4/30/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan

2012	Afghanistan Cybersecurity Program	Technical assistance to GIROA to assist in development of national cybersecurity strategy	Commonwealth Trading Partners, Inc.	Contract	SAF200112F0237	\$149,997.84	9/10/2012	7/15/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2012	Afghanistan Marble Program Support Services	Assistance by Afghan marble sector experts on management of Marble Center of Excellence program	Afghan International Services, Inc.	Contract	SAF20012M1819	\$140,000.00	10/1/2012	9/1/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2012	Afghan-U.S. Carpet Conference	U.S.-led conference for U.S. and Afghan carpet traders	Self-implemented	N/A	N/A	\$154,736.82	9/20/2012	9/22/2012	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Afghanistan Building Business Networks Program	Develop inter-Afghanistan and international trade opportunities	Barbaricum, LLC	Contract	SB13511NC0638	\$1,196,792.00	9/30/2013	11/13/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Afghanistan Carpet Center of Excellence Program	Support DOC's Afghanistan Sheep to Shop Program	Hickory Ground Solutions, LLC	Contract	SB135113NCK0675	\$1,097,808.40	9/30/2013	11/3/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan

2013	Afghanistan Construction Industry Development Program	Develop Afghan construction sector report	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB13511NC0676	\$233,397.10	9/30/2013	1/29/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Afghanistan Industry Spotlight Events	Provide support for events in Dubai, UAE that provide an opportunity for Afghan and U.S. businesses, and others, to network and conduct business.	ELIAS Event LLC	Contract	SB135113NC0698	\$78,682.40	9/30/2013	9/29/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Afghanistan Monitoring and Evaluation Program	Develop metrics for Afghan foreign assistance programs	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB135113NC0667	\$60,932.00	9/30/2013	7/13/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Afghanistan Performance Monitoring Support Project	Provide contractor oversight to support COR due to security issues	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB134113NC0626	\$183,724.15	9/30/2013	9/12/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Afghanistan Regional Business Integration and Outreach Program	Develop Afghan companies' capacity to penetrate new markets or increase existing business	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB135113NC0714	\$2,078,450.12	9/30/2013	12/31/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan

2013	Advisor - Sheep to Shop Program	Advisory services to support Sheep to Shop program	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB13511NC0634	\$188,484.55	9/30/2013	11/14/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Advisor - Carpet Program	Advisory services to support Sheep to Shop program	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB134113NC0633	\$188,484.55	9/30/2013	11/14/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan
2013	Advisor - Program	General program advisory services	Federal Acquisition Consultants, Inc.	Contract	SB13411NC0634	\$195,236.80	9/30/2013	11/13/2014	Interagency transfer of Foreign Assistance funds from USAID under §632(a)	Afghanistan

Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)

From: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US)
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 2:35 PM
To: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)
Subject: FW: 14-71-SP Inquiry Letter- Afghanistan Program Data Request (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Education says they have none/.

-----Original Message-----

From: Manalo, Alvin [<mailto:> ██████████]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 1:26 PM
To: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US)
Cc: McLaughlin, Maureen
Subject: RE: 14-71-SP Inquiry Letter- Afghanistan Program Data Request (UNCLASSIFIED)- to Secretary Arne Duncan

Mr. Jack Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Arne Duncan and the U.S. Department of Education to request program and contract data for all of the agency's reconstruction activities in Afghanistan between FY 2002 and the present. I would like to inform you that the U.S. Department of Education does not have any reconstruction projects in Afghanistan between FY 2002 and the present.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen McLaughlin, Director of International Affairs, at ██████████ or ██████████.

Best regards,

Alvin Manalo

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U.S. Department of Education

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Caveats: NONE

Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)

From: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 10:47 AM
To: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)
Subject: FW: US Department of Energy Response (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

-----Original Message-----

From: Bodette, Amy [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#)]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:43 AM
To: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US)
Subject: US Department of Energy Response

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

I am responding on behalf of the US Department of Energy to report that we do not have any reconstruction projects in Afghanistan.

Sincerely,

Amy Bodette
Deputy Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat US Department of Energy
[REDACTED]

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)

From: Gartner, James - FAS [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 8:35 AM
To: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)
Subject: RE: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi Jeremy,

I've just returned from a two week absence or I probably would have responded sooner. I haven't received any information that there are additional USDA programs in Afghanistan beyond what we reported to SIGAR in May of last year. The soybean project you reference was not included in that last report because the prior request stipulated activities involving U.S. reconstruction funds and related contracts. Let me know if you need anything else!

James Gartner
Management Control Officer and Audit Liaison USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 3:01 PM
To: Gartner, James - FAS
Subject: RE: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

James,

How's it going? Any word on when we might get an updated response on the USDA programs in Afghanistan? Thank you!

Jeremy

-----Original Message-----

From: Gartner, James - FAS [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 12:57 PM
To: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US); MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US); Clark, Jerry W CIV (US)
Cc: HAYASHI, ERNIE M (OIG)
Subject: RE: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

Jack / Jeremy,

No problem at all, I'll run this through the agency again to make sure we are being more thorough. Thanks for the clarification, it is helpful.

James

-----Original Message-----

From: Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 12:13 PM

To: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US); Gartner, James - FAS; Clark, Jerry W CIV (US)
Cc: HAYASHI, ERNIE M (OIG)
Subject: RE: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

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James,

Yes, we received the document that you sent. We resubmitted the request to USDA because that document did not include the Soybean initiative that we have been discussing the past few months. Hence, we'd like another look at the programs USDA has funded in Afghanistan to make sure that we have them all. Is there a reason that Food for Progress or other FAS initiatives would not be included as a USDA program? I should have given you a call to clarify, apologies.

Best,

Jeremy

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From: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US)
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 12:00 PM
To: '[REDACTED]'; Clark, Jerry W CIV (US); Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)
Cc: '[REDACTED]'
Subject: Re: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

) Yes, I think that's right---you should be in the clear if that is the case. In Dubia on my way home from Afghanistan and double-checking with Jeremy, who handled the first letters. Jeremy?? JM

----- Original Message -----

From: Gartner, James - FAS [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 08:14 PM
To: MITCHELL, JOHN HOWARD (SES) CIV SIGAR EXEC (US); Clark, Jerry W CIV (US); Brown, Jeremy S CIV USARMY HQDA (US)
Cc: HAYASHI, ERNIE M (OIG) [REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi Jack,

The attached was confirmed as received by Monica Brym on May 15, 2013, in response to the SIGAR Letter of Inquiry Feb 2013 /Contracts and Projects. Is this the prior request referenced in the below letter that states acceptable responses were received from State, DoD and USAID only? I'm asking just to determine whether USDA should resubmit the attached response (no new activities in Afghanistan have been initiated in the year since) or is this June 26, 2014, inquiry completely unrelated to the February 22, 2013, inquiry.

Thanks Jack!

James Gartner
Management Control Officer and Audit Liaison USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

-----Original Message-----

From: SIGAR Pentagon Exec Mailbox Special Projects [mailto:sigar.pentagon.exec.mbx.special-projects@mail.mil]

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 4:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: SIGAR-14-71-SP Inquiry Letter: Request for Reconstruction Program Data Information (UNCLASSIFIED)

Importance: High

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Please find the attached inquiry letter regarding program and contract data relating to all completed, ongoing, and planned reconstruction projects in Afghanistan between fiscal year 2002 and the present. This product is presented on behalf of Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction John Sopko to the following executive agencies and departments:

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General

The Honorable Jeh C. Johnson
Secretary of Homeland Security

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation

The Honorable Penny S. Pritzker
Secretary of Commerce

The Honorable Jacob J. Lew
Secretary of the Treasury

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz
Secretary of Energy

The Honorable Sylvia M. Mathews Burwell
Secretary of Health and Human Services

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture

The Honorable Thomas E. Perez

Secretary of Labor

The Honorable Sally M. Jewell
Secretary of the Interior

The Honorable Sloan D. Gibson
Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Acting)

This letter will be publicly released after period of five [5] days and no earlier than Tuesday, 01 July 2014. Please acknowledge receipt of this email and provide official responses no later than 14 days or Saturday, 26 July 2014. All respective Inspector General offices have been copied to this email correspondence for information purposes.

This product is from SIGAR's Office of Special Projects, which was created to examine emerging issues and deliver prompt, actionable reports to federal agencies and the Congress. Please note that the Office of Special Projects is separate from SIGAR's Audit Directorate. If you have any questions or concerns related to this request, please contact Jack Mitchell, Director of Special Projects at (703) 545-5964 or john.h.mitchell161.civ@mail.mil, and/or Jerry Clark, Engagement Manager for Special Projects [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

v/r

Jack Mitchell
Director, Special Projects

Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
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Arlington, VA 22202

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**Summary of Programs Managed by
 USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
 Office of Country and Regional Affairs (OCRA)
 Fragile Market Economy Division (FMED)
 April 19, 2013**

Description	#1. ADCUS	#2. CBCMP	#3. e-Afghan Agriculture	#4. ADAPT	#5. Trade Corridors Trilateral	#6. Food Security Trilateral
Contractor Identifier	356002041 A	800326026	946036494 C	946003272 A	8260009450 O	*
Vendor Name	Purdue University	Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance	Regents of the Univ. Of calif-davis	Calif State University/ Fresno State Foundtion	University of Idaho	USDA Agricultural Research Service
DUNS Number	07-2051394	05-4001547	04-7120084	15-0837003	07-5746271	**
Contract Value	\$3,099,861.00	\$36,000,000	\$2,099,427.05	\$2,853,900.00	\$823,145.00	\$611,673.00
Type of Contract	Cooperative Agreement	Cooperative Agreement	Cooperative Agreement	Cooperative Agreement	Cooperative Agreement	Interagency Agreement
Place of Performance	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	California and Afghanistan	California	Afghanistan and Pakistan	Afghanistan and Pakistan
Period of Performance	From: 9/01/2011 Thru: 9/30/2014	From: 11/23/2010 Thru: 11/23/2013	From: 7/15/2011 Thru: 9/30/2014	From: 8/1/2011 Thru: 9/30/2013	From:5/9/2011 Thru:5/31/2013	From:3/1/2011 Thru:2/28/2012
Funding Authorization	PL 99-198	7 USC 3291	PL 99-198	PL 99-198	PL 99-198	
Award Date	9/1/2011	11/23/2010	7/15/2011	8/1/2011	5/9/2011	3/1/2011
Obligation amount	\$3,099,861.00	\$36,000,000	\$2,099,427.05	\$2,853,900.00	\$823,145.00	\$611,673.00
Disbursement amount	\$489,340.32	\$22,099,839.93	\$550,798.43	\$1,411,785.80	\$489,765.37	\$420,347.52
Contract completion date or planned completion date (if available)	9/30/2014	11/23/2013	9/30/2014	9/30/2013	5/31/2013	2/28/2012
Descriptor of Contract	58-3148-1-257	58-3148-1-042	58-3148-1-143	58-3148-1-186	58-3148-1-107	60-0210-1-511
Project Description	See Project #1 Below	See Project #2 Below	See Project #3 Below	See Project #4 Below	See Project #5 Below	See Project #6 Below
Sub-Contractors	Altai Consulting	IESC, ICMA, IIE,	N/A	California State Polytechnic University, Colorado State University, Southern Illinois University	University of Agriculture-Faisalabad	University of California-Davis

* Because this was an interagency transfer there is no contractor identifier

** Because this was an interagency transfer there is no DUNS the ARS Account code is 03-T5-0091-108-0210-511

Project #1 -- Agricultural Data Collection and Utilization System Project (ADCUS)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) Agricultural Data Collection and Utilization System Project (ADCUS) is working with MAIL's leadership to define a set of critical provincial level data that can be used as benchmarks for the agriculture sector and provide information to inform MAIL policy. The project also works with MAIL staff to develop the capacity to implement provincial level data collection in accordance with accepted statistical methodologies.

Project #2 -- Capacity Building and Change Management Program (CBCMP)

Implement a comprehensive change management program at MAIL and select Directorates of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (DAIL). The CBCMP is comprised of two components with a unique set of objectives. Component One aims to increase MAIL's ability to manage its financial, physical, and human resources. Component Two promotes institutional capacity building and change management through implementation of four pillars of organizational management: 1) progress scorecards; 2) annual work planning; 3) service-delivery process improvement; and, 4) organizational structure analysis. Both objectives focus on contributing to and stimulating purposeful, organizational and functional change at MAIL, leading to a modernized ministry capable of delivering agricultural services.

Project #3 -- e-Afghan Agriculture

USDA/FAS is implementing a program with UC Davis to provide an improved, publically accessible UC Davis Afghanistan Agriculture Knowledge Resource online. As part of the project, UC Davis is undertaking extensive original research to develop Provincial/District-level agricultural information to add to national level subject matter. The knowledge base benefits all users working in Afghanistan, and those deploying for service, who can reference the information created.

Project #4 -- Agricultural Development for Afghanistan Pre-Deployment Training (ADAPT)

California State University Fresno Foundation, in coordination with USDA/FAS, is developing and implementing a core curriculum in basic agriculture and related practices relevant to Afghanistan in technical subject areas including: Animal Husbandry, Rangeland/Pasture Management, Crop & Horticulture Production, Orchard & Vineyard Management including post-harvest practices, Irrigation Water Management and Soils. Supplemental curricula can be developed, as requested by USDA, in other subject areas. All curricula address technologies and practices appropriate to Afghan agriculture with attention to resource and cultural constraints.

Project #5 -- Trade Corridors Trilateral

This program is a coordinated effort by members of the U.S.-Afghanistan-Pakistan Agricultural Trilateral Trade Corridors Working Group from government and academia along with colleagues from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. This program is designed to improve the capacity of private sector individuals and businesses in agricultural production, food processing, distribution, and exporters to become more profitable providing expanded trade opportunities domestically and internationally to markets in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the developed food markets in Europe and Asia. The program also provides technical assistance to government employees involved in regulatory activities associated with international trade throughout the region including criteria for uniform enforcement protocols, international market grades and standards, and export certification requirements for target markets.

Project #6 -- Food Security Trilateral

Strengthen the extension and delivery systems of Afghanistan and Pakistan to better meet the needs of farmers and the rural poor.