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for Afghanistan Reconstruction

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The Honorable William R. Brownfield
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

The Honorable Hugo Llorens
Special Chargé d'Affaires
U.S. Embassy, Afghanistan

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to request information regarding the efforts of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to construct or rehabilitate Afghan prisons and their supporting infrastructure. Since 2014, SIGAR has reported on deficient contractor workmanship, as well as safety and security concerns associated with INL's prison infrastructure development projects.¹ As a result of our work, INL has taken action to address the deficiencies we identified.

Given the findings from our past work, and our mutual interest in ensuring that the contractors engaged by INL to construct or rehabilitate prisons and supporting infrastructure in Afghanistan perform their work in accordance with contract requirements, SIGAR plans to conduct additional inspections of INL's prison infrastructure development projects. Information about INL's work in this area will help us to better understand the agency's reconstruction activities and allow us to better plan our oversight efforts.

Therefore, please provide, no later than May 16, 2017, a list of all completed INL-funded projects to construct or rehabilitate prisons and supporting infrastructure in Afghanistan (including projects funded both on- and off-budget). For each project, please include the contract number, program name (where applicable), project location, summary project description, cost (planned or committed, obligated, and disbursed), and the expected period of performance (start and completion dates).

I am submitting this request under the authority of Public Law No. 110-181, and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. Should you or your staff have any questions about this project, please contact Mr. Matthew Dove, Director of Special Projects, at (703) 545-6051 or matthew.d.dove.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

John F. Sopko
Special Inspector General
for Afghanistan Reconstruction

¹ SIGAR, *Detention Center at the Counter Narcotics Judicial Center: Project Construction Mostly Met Contract Requirements, but Two Deficiencies Need to Be Addressed*, SIGAR 15-70-IP, July 15, 2015; SIGAR, *Pol-i-Charkhi Prison: After 5 Years and \$18.5 Million, Renovation Project Remains Incomplete*, SIGAR-15-11-IP, October 2014; SIGAR, *Baghlan Prison: Severe Damage to \$11.3 Million Facility Requires Extensive Remedial Action*, SIGAR-14-62-IP, May 2014.



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Dear Mr. Dove:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry on May 1, 2017, requesting project and contract information concerning INL Prison Construction or Rehabilitation activities for Afghanistan. Please see the attached spreadsheet in response to your request. The Department respects SIGAR's role in safeguarding U.S. taxpayer investment, and we share your goals of implementing programs free from waste, fraud, and abuse.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rajesh Rajadhyaksha".

Rajesh Rajadhyaksha
Acting Executive Director
Bureau of International Narcotics and
Law Enforcement Affairs

Attached:

Spreadsheet of Afghanistan construction and rehabilitation projects