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This report alerts U.S. firms to **US\$ 114 million** in new technical assistance projects under the grant programs being administered by the Asian Development Bank for which consulting services may or may not be required. Opportunities are reported for Afghanistan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Regional. From January to June 2005, U.S. firms, including many small consulting firms, succeeded in winning US\$27.129 million ADB-funded national technical assistance contracts out of a total ADB-financed consulting budget of US\$195.209 million.

The ADB selects a consultant for a TA grant based on its prior Expression of Interest (EOI). An EOI can be transmitted on-line through the ADB's website (www.adb.org); afterward it will be acknowledged automatically. Firms may opt to send a hardcopy follow-up EOI addressed to Mr. Robert J. Robertson, Director, Consulting Services Division, with a copy to the ADB Project Officer. The EOI should relate a firm's experience and expertise to the ADB project. It is important for a U.S. firm to emphasize its similar project experience in the country, or in a similar geographic area, rather than present a general profile of its consulting activities. A separate EOI should be submitted for each project. The project name indicated in the EOI should exactly match that listed in the ADB Business Opportunities publication to avoid confusion.

To be considered for employment, consulting firms must register on the ADB's DACON (Data on Consulting Firms) system, or for individual consultants on the DICON (Data on Individual Consultants) system. Otherwise, their EOIs will not be accepted. DACON and DICON registration can be done on-line at www.adb.org/consulting.

ADB's DACON (<http://www.adb.org/Consulting/dacon.asp>) is a database of firms and other organizations from the ADB's member countries that are qualified to provide consulting services for ADB projects. The DACON contains information on the experience and capacity of the firms and organizations. ADB requires firms or organizations to register on the DACON so that the ADB can consider them for short-listing for a technical assistance project. The term "firm or organization" covers all sources of consultants, such as consulting firms, government agencies, public sector organizations, national and international institutions and non-government organizations.

The DICON (<http://www.adb.org/Consulting/dicon.asp>) system contains the names of persons who are citizens of ADB's member countries; are at the forefront of their respective fields; and may be practicing consultants or employees, whose organizations are prepared to release them for short periods to serve ADB; or retired persons with special experience who are still active.

Firms may also send a notification copy of their EOIs to the U.S. mailing address for the U.S. Commercial Service Liaison Office to the ADB, Attention: Frank Foster, Senior Commercial Officer, PSC 500 Box 33, FPO AP 96515-1000, or to the same office at its international mailing address: 25th Floor Ayala Life-FGU Center, 6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines 1226; Phone: (63-2) 887-1345; Fax: (63-2) 887-1164; E-mail: manila.adb.office.box@mail.doc.gov. Information about these projects are likewise available on our website at <http://www.buyusa.gov/adb>. This office works closely with the Office of the U.S. Executive Director to the ADB to increase American awareness of, and participation in, the ADB's activities.

The projects listed in this report are now being actively processed by the ADB. For more information on these projects, the name of the ADB project officer is indicated in the project brief. The U.S Commercial Service Liaison Office to the ADB is ready to provide assistance to U.S. firms upon request.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECTS, JANUARY 2006

A. AFGHANISTAN

Project Name : **Fiscal Management & Public Administration Reform (formerly Public Service Delivery Reform Program)**
Project No. : AFG 38122-01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Grant Amount : US\$ 7,000,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy / Public Finance & Expenditure Management

Objectives and Scope:

The grant will support capacity building of the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission (IARCSC), and priority ministries. It will (i) strengthen the budget process; (ii) improve the capacity of the moustufiats; (iii) support implementation of the civil service law; and (iv) carry out cash management, establishment of an accounting policy, and treasury bills development.

Consulting Services: A total of 172 person-months of international and 300 person-months of domestic consulting inputs will be required. The quality-based selection (QBS) method will be used to select consultants for specific components.

Environmental Assessment: To be determined.

Project Processing Stage: Grant Negotiations completed: 15 November 2005.

Recruitment of Consultants: Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in February 2006.

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B. INDONESIA

Project Name : **Supporting Community Health Care Initiatives in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam**
Project No. : INO 39184-01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Health
Grant Amount : US\$ 2,000,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Health, Nutrition, & Social Protection /Nutrition

Objectives and Scope:

The goal of the Project is to help reduce the suffering of the population in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (Aceh) from malnutrition, illness, disability, and preventable death. The overall objective of the Project is to increase awareness and self-help capacity for better health and nutrition of vulnerable groups, including internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in camps and with host families. The Project aims to complement and reinforce health, nutrition, and food aid programs implemented by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Program (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Helen Keller International (HKI).

Consulting Services: ADB will engage domestic consultants who will provide technical assistance in different areas including health promotion, communication, cultural anthropology, and nutrition. An estimated 125 person-months of domestic consulting services will be required to provide technical guidance to the Project.

Environmental Assessment: To be determined.

Project Processing Stage: Second Management Review Meeting (MRM) completed: 17 May 2005.

Recruitment of Consultants: Consultants will be hired in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for engaging domestic consultants.

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C. PAKISTAN

Project Name : **Earthquake Emergency Assistance Project**
Project No. : PAK 39631-01
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Grant Amount : US\$ 80,000,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Transport & Communications /Roads & Highways

Objectives and Scope:

The project will contribute to reversing the devastating impact of the earthquake and so revive economic activity and enable people to resume their livelihoods and return to normal life. This will be achieved primarily through rehabilitating and reconstructing damaged and destroyed infrastructure as quickly as possible, which will particularly assist the poor and other vulnerable people. The project will have the following components: (i) quick-disbursing, which will be used to finance only imports identified as necessary for an effective recovery program; (ii) project components, which will finance rehabilitation and reconstruction of the following sectors: (a) transport; (b) power and (c) health and education; and (iii) implementation assistance component with subcomponents: legal assistance, governance and institutional building which will be used to address governance, legal and documentary issues arising from the earthquake's impact.

Consulting Services: Various international and domestic consultants will be recruited in the following areas: (i) legal advisory, governance, and institutional building; (ii) incremental administration support; (iii) project management in the transport, power and social sectors; and (iv) other thematic areas. The decision on consultancy packaging and whether to recruit the specialist consultants individually or through a firm will be determined during the inception phase.

Environmental Assessment: Required

Project Processing Stage: Board Circulation Completed: 6 December 2005.

Recruitment of Consultants: Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in January 2006.

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D. REGIONAL

Project Name : **Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza in Asia and the Pacific**
Project No. : REG 39662-01
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Grant Amount : US\$ 25,000,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Health, Nutrition, & Social Protection /Health Programs

Objectives and Scope:

The Project aims to make significant contribution to reducing the prevalence of avian influenza among poultry and reducing the vulnerability of human population to influenza. This will be achieved through preventing the infection-at-source by supporting systems and incentives for early reporting of avian influenza outbreaks and rapid containment. The Project will also support regional activities to improve the reporting and management of human influenza cases through regional interagency collaboration, regional cooperation in sharing information and upgraded national capacity.

Consulting Services: Consulting Services yet to be determined.

Environmental Assessment: To be determined.

Project Processing Stage: Fact-finding Mission to be scheduled.

Recruitment of Consultants: Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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