
STABILITY IN KEY AREA – EAST PROGRAM (SIKA-EAST)

PROGRAM WEEKLY UPDATES:

1- Planning and Management:

- SIKA-E COP and Senior management introduction meeting with USAID has been conducted on January 9, 2012.
- First tripartite meeting between USAID, MRRD and AECOM took place on January 10, 2012

2- Operations:

- The lease agreement for the office has been signed by the house owner. It is now with AECOM for further process.
- The AECOM SIKA-E guest house lease agreement is in the process.
- AECOM Business License is renewed and is in further process for replacing the AECOM Afghanistan CEO.
- ASOP inventory warehouse contract has been extended for one month to allow smooth transition of inventory to SIKA-E.

3- Human Resources:

- John Lister (SIKA-E Chief of Party) assumes his duty in Kabul since Saturday January 8, 2012.
- 46 CCN Kabul employees have been placed and an additional 10 recruitments are under process at the reference check stages.
- Torge Gerlach (Managing Director) has arrived to Kabul on January 06, 2012 and departs today.
- James Schmitt (Technical Director) has arrived to Kabul on January 06, 2012 and departs on Saturday January 14, 2012.
- Richard Hill (Crisis Response and Stabilization Director) has stepped on January 10, 2012 to Kabul.

4- Procurement:

- Procurement for the office and guest house furnishing and refurbishing has been done. The work has been completed and only security upgrades are under way.
- Quotations received for Internet Bandwidth and Networking equipment and they are currently under evaluation process.
- Technical assessment for electrification of the office and guest house is under way to plan purchasing generators.

5- Subcontractor:

OSC personnel Ryan Crow, IR 3 Start-Up Lead, Michael Clarke, OSC, IR3 STTA, Faustino Ccama, OSC, M&E Director, arrived on January 06, 2012