

AMENDMENT NUMBER NINE

TO THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (IROA)

FOR

**THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WITH BROAD
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Dated as of September 19, 2007

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WHEREAS, the Grantee and USAID entered into a Strategic Objective Grant Agreement ("SOAG") for the Strategic Objective of "A Democratic Government with Broad Citizen Participation" (USAID Grant Agreement No SOAG-306-06-00) dated September 19, 2005 and subsequently amended that SOAG on

- September 30, 2005 (Amendment No 1),
- April 6, 2006 (Amendment No 2),
- May 11, 2006 (Amendment No 3),
- June 28, 2006 (Amendment No 4),
- September 18, 2006 (Amendment No 5),
- April 07, 2007 (Amendment No 6),
- July 2, 2007 (Amendment No 7), and,
- July 23, 2007 (Amendment No 8).

The SOAG as so amended is referred to hereinafter as the "Agreement "

WHEREAS, USAID and the Grantee desire to further amend the Agreement to (a) increase the USAID contribution by **Forty Four Million Two Hundred Thousand** United States (U S) Dollars (**U.S. \$44,200,000.00**), and (b) update the illustrative financial plan to cross reference and cross-walk the original SOAG budget information against the new USAID standardized program budget structure

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto hereby agree that the Agreement shall be amended as follows

1. The first sentence in Section 3 1(a) of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof "(a) The Grant To help achieve the Objective set forth in this Agreement, USAID, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, hereby grants to the Grantee under the terms of this Agreement not to exceed **One Hundred Eight Million One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three** United States (U S) Dollars (**U.S.\$ 108,198,933.00**) (the 'Grant')"
- 2 The illustrative financial plan set forth in Attachment 1 to Annex 1 to the Agreement is deleted and the updated illustrative financial plan attached hereto as Attachment A and Attachment B to this Amendment is substituted in lieu thereof

Except as further amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect This Amendment is prepared in both English and Dari (capitalized terms not defined in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the

Agreement) In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the two versions, the English language version will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantee and the United States of America, each acting through its duly authorized representatives, have caused this Amendment Number Nine to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day, month and year first written above

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

By: _____
Name Robin Phillips
Title Mission Director,
USAID/Afghanistan

By: _____
Name Anwar-ul-Haq Ahady
Title Minister of Finance

Appropriation ES SUP 2007/2008
Amount \$15,000,000

Appropriation ES NOA 2007/2008 (ESF)
Amount \$6,000,000

Appropriation DV NOA 2007/2008 (DA)
Amount \$23,200,000

ILLUSTRATIVE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FY 2005 TO FY 2010
Amendment No. 9
In Thousands of U.S. Dollars

Objective and Activities	Amount Obligated prior to Amendment No. 9	Amount Obligated in Amendment No. 9	Cumulative Obligations in FY 2005 - FY 2007 *	Amount Remaining to be Obligated in FY 2007 - FY 2010 **	Total Estimated Contribution
A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WITH BROAD CITIZEN PARTICIPATION					
USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-06-00					
Build Capacity of the Formal Justice System***	11,150	10,050	21,200	69,000	90,200
Strengthen Election and Political Process ***	17,357	5,000	22,357	11,421	33,778
Strengthen Institutions for Good Governance***	19,237	24,982	44,219	38,131	82,350
Increase the Presence and Performance of the Non-government Sector***	15,078	1,500	16,578	9,022	25,600
USAID Program Support	1,177	2,668	3,845	7,335	11,180
TOTAL OBJECTIVE 6:	63,999	44,200	108,199	134,909	243,108

*NOTE ** – References to "FY" refer to the USG fiscal year

*NOTE *** – These funds are subject to the availability of funds to USAID and the other conditions set forth in Section 3 1 (b) of the Agreement

*NOTE **** – The illustrative financial plan previously included a line item for "Pre-existing Mortgages"; however, the funds in that line item are now included in the relevant programmatic line items indicated above

ILLUSTRATIVE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FY 2005 TO FY 2010
Amendment No. 9
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Objective	Program Area	Program Element	Old Activity/Intermediate Results (IR) Title	Amount Obligated prior to Amendment No 9 *	Amount Obligated in Amendment No 9	Cumulative Obligations in FY 2005 - FY 2007**	Amount Remaining to be Obligated in FY 2007 - FY 2010***	Total Estimated Contribution		
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WITH BROAD CITIZEN PARTICIPATION										
ID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-06-00										
governing Justly Democratically	2 1	Rule of Law & Human Rights	2 1 1	Constitutions Laws, & Legal Systems	Building Capacity of the Formal Justice System	3,000	1,575	4,575	24,391	28,
			2 1 2	Judicial Independence	Building Capacity of the Formal Justice System	5,150	5,513	10,663	17,306	27,
			2 1 3	Justice System	Building Capacity of the Formal Justice System	3,000	1,575	4,575	24,391	28,
			2 1 4	Human Rights	Building Capacity of the Formal Justice System	-	788	788	213	1,
			2 1 5	Program Support (Rule of Law)	USAID Program Support	294	600	894	1,901	2,
					11,444	10,050	21,494	68,201	89,	
	2	Good Governance	2 2 1	Legeslative Functions and processes	Strengthen institutions for Good Governance	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,
			2 2 2	Public Sector Executive Function	Strengthen institutions for Good Governance	2,931	3,250	6,181	-	6,
			2 2 3	Local Government and Decentralization	Strengthen institutions for Good Governance	16,306	19,732	36,038	36,631	72,
			2 2 6	Program Support (Governance)	USAID Program Support	294	2,668	2,962	1,833	4,
					19,531	27,650	47,181	38,464	85,	
	2 3	Political Competition & Consensus-Building	2 3 2	Elections and Political Processes	Strengthen Election and Political Process	9,928	-	9,928	8,361	18,
			2 3 3	Political Parties	Political Parties	7,429	5,000	12,429	5,860	18,
			2 3 4	Program Support (Political Competition)	USAID Program Support	295	-	295	2,500	2,
					17,652	5,000	22,652	16,721	39,	
	2 4	Civil Society	2 4 1	Civic Participation	Increase the Presence and Performance of the Non-governmental Sector	10,054	1,000	11,054	1,746	12,
			2 4 2	Media Freedom and Freedom of Information	Increase the Presence and Performance of the Non-governmental Sector	5,024	500	5,524	7,276	12,
2 4 3			Program Support (Civil Society)	USAID Program Support	294	-	294	2,501	2,	
				15,372	1,500	16,872	11,523	28,		
TOTAL OBJECTIVE 6				63,999	44,200	108,199	134,909	243,		

* - In the absence of a detailed audit of prior obligations executed before Amendment No 9, amounts have been attributed equally across Program Elements
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