

USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-05-03

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

BETWEEN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

FOR

**THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF A THRIVING ECONOMY LED BY THE PRIVATE
SECTOR**

Dated as of: May 11, 2006

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AMENDMENT NO. 3
TO
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT between the Government of the United States of America, acting through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, acting through the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee"), dated as of May 11, 2006.

WHEREAS, The Grantee and USAID entered into a Strategic Objective Grant Agreement ("SOAG") for the strategic objective of a thriving economy led by the private sector, USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-05-00 dated September 19, 2005 (capitalized terms not defined in this amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the SOAG) and subsequently amended such agreement on September 30, 2005 (Amendment No. 1) and on April 6, 2006 (Amendment No. 2); and

WHEREAS, USAID and the Grantee wish to amend Section 3.1 (a) of the SOAG to increase the USAID contribution by TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWENTY EIGHT (U.S) DOLLARS (**US\$258,926,028.00**);

Therefore Section 3.1(a) of the SOAG is amended as follows:

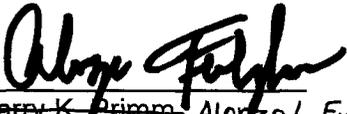
- (a) Section 3.1 (a) is amended by deleting the amount THREE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND EIGHTY-TWO HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (**US\$342,942,128.82**) and inserting the amount SIX HUNDRED-ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX AND EIGHTY-TWO HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (**US\$601,868,156.82**) in lieu thereof.

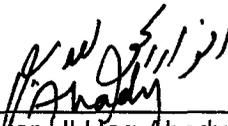
All other terms and conditions of the SOAG remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Amendment is prepared in both English and Dari. In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the two versions, the English language version will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, each acting through its duly authorized representatives, have caused this Amendment No. 3 to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day, month and year first written above.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

By: 
Name: ~~Barry K. Primm~~ Alorzo L. Fulgham
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