

USAID Grant Agreement No. 306-06-17

AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVENTEEN

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: April 19, 2009

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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);
- July 23, 2007 (Amendment No. 8);
- September 19, 2007 (Amendment No. 9);
- September 30, 2007 (Amendment No. 10);
- April 10, 2008 (Amendment No. 11);
- June 22, 2008 (Amendment No. 12);
- August 27, 2008 (Amendment No. 13);
- September 21, 2008 (Amendment No. 14);
- September 25, 2008 (Amendment No. 15); and,
- January 05, 2009 (Amendment No. 16)

The SOAG 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 **Eighty Nine Million Six Hundred Two Thousand only** United States ("U.S") Dollars (**U.S. \$89,602,000.00**); and (b) update the illustrative financial plan to reflect certain adjustments and to cross reference and cross-walk the original SOAG budget information against the new USAID standardized program budget structure.

WHEREAS, USAID and GIRoA acknowledge that programming decisions for the use of these funds shall be made in coordination with the appropriate Ministry, and such decisions shall be recorded in PILs with countersignature by the relevant Minister and the Minister of Finance.

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 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 **Seven Hundred Eleven Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Two United States (U.S.) Dollars (U.S.\$ 711,550,202.00)** (the 'Grant')."
2. The first sentence in paragraph (b) of Section 3.1 of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "(b) Total Estimated USAID Contribution. USAID's total estimated contribution to achievement of the Objective will be U.S. \$711,550,202, which will be provided in increments."
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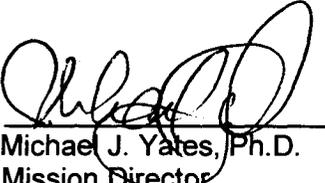
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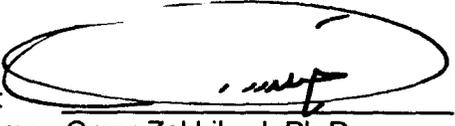
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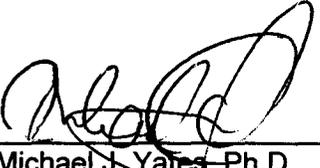

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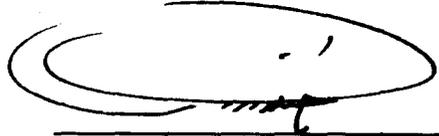
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PHOENIX OBLIGATION	
Amount: \$89,602,000.00	
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ILLUSTRATIVE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FY 2005 TO FY 2010

Amendment No. 17

In Thousands of U.S. Dollars

Objective and Activities	Amount Obligated prior to Amendment No. 17	Amount Obligated in Amendment No. 17	Cumulative Obligations in FY 2005 - FY 2009 *	Amount Remaining to be Obligated/Reallocated in FY 2009 - 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****	65,205		65,205	-	65,205
Strengthen Election and Political Process ****	208,475	89,602	298,077	-	298,077
Strengthen Institutions for Good Governance****	303,614		303,614	-	303,614
Increase the Presence and Performance of the Non-government Sector****	41,136		41,136	-	41,136
USAID Program Support	3,518		3,518	-	3,518
TOTAL OBJECTIVE 6:	621,948	89,602	711,550	-	711,550

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 *** -- Total Estimated Contribution after proposed realignments.

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. 17
 In Thousands of U.S. Dollars

Program Area	Old Activity/Intermediate Results (IR) Title	Amount Obligated prior to Amendment No. 17	Amount Obligated in Amendment No. 17	Cumulative Obligations in FY 2005 - FY 2009*	Amount Remaining to be Obligated/Reallocated in FY 2009 - FY 2010**	Total Estimated Contribution
RATIC GOVERNMENT WITH BROAD CITIZEN PARTICIPATION						
nt Agreement No. SOAG-306-06-00						
1	Rule of Law & Human Rights	65,499		65,499	-	65,499
2	Good Governance	306,249		306,249	-	306,249
3	Political Competition & Consensus-Building	208,770	89,602	298,372		298,372
4	Civil Society	31,419		31,419	-	31,419
6	Private Sector Competitiveness	10,011		10,011	-	10,011
TOTAL OBJECTIVE 6:		621,948	89,602	711,550	-	711,550

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