



سفارت جمهوری اسلامی افغانستان  
واشنگتن دی سی - ایالات متحده امریکا

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On March 21, 2019, the eastern border wall surrounding the Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington D.C. collapsed due to heavy rainfall and routine wear over a 91-year period.

When the wall segment collapsed, it caused extensive damage to Embassy grounds and damaged the structure and foundation of a neighboring building. In addition to the near total collapse of one of four embassy border walls, the integrity of two additional walls were compromised and needed to be restored during the course of repairs. All relevant parties were immediately informed, and DLA Piper, a respected law firm, was retained to provide legal counsel.

On March 28, 2019, JG Construction Company provided an initial estimate of \$68,100 for Phase 1 of the project which consisted of the debris cleanup and temporary protection measures. JG Construction Company's bid was later raised to \$88,180 and included BCIV or general B permit in addition to the debris cleanup and temporary protection measures. This estimate did not include costs for reconstruction of the wall. Due to legal complications and the advice of DLA Piper, this offer could not be accepted.

The companies, VIKA Co., LLC, KCE, and ECS, were hired through DLA Piper to begin work on this project. Their specific roles in the project are outlined in the cost breakdown included below.

KADCON Corporation was awarded a contract for debris removal and construction after the National Procurement Authority reviewed bids from six companies. It was determined that both debris removal and reconstruction had to be handled simultaneously due to the extreme instability of the site impacted by the collapse.

The entire process was handled in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, in compliance with Afghan laws, and in accordance with American procurement laws. Diplomat Barakatullah Rahmati oversaw the majority of the process on the embassy's behalf, including signing the final contract with KADCON, before returning to Kabul to accept a new position.

A further breakdown of costs is outlined below:

\$150,000.....	DLA Piper (Legal counsel)
\$12,750.....	VIKA Co. (Surveying)
\$64,839.....	KCE (Technical advice on structural engineering)
\$12,250.....	ECS (Soil testing)
\$1,586,000.....	KADCON Co. (Construction and cleanup)

The Embassy has requested a complete audit of the project and will provide more information as available.

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