



# UNAMID OPERATION SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

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## BACKGROUND

- Security Council Resolution 1769 (31 July 2007) mandated the following milestones:
- No later than October 2007, UNAMID to establish initial operating capability for its Headquarters and command and control structures.
- As of October 2007, UNAMID will complete preparations to assume operational command authority of Light Support Package, personnel currently deployed to AMIS, Heavy Support Package and hybrid personnel deployed by that date.
- No later than 31 December 2007 assumes complete Transition of Authority from AMIS.



## SITUATION PRECEDING SCR 1769

- The UN and AU intended to have a mandate for the HSP (4,100 strength) by March 2007 and commence deployment by June 2007.
- However, the Government of Sudan approved the HSP only on 9 April 2007 and approved troop contributing countries on 13 July 2007.
- Thus the UN had very limited window of opportunity to tender a construction and support package.
- Usually a tender and award of a contract of this magnitude requires six to eight months.
- Thus the Organization was presented with a need to look for alternative methods to meet immediate operational requirements.
- Financial Rule 105.16 allows the USG/DM to waive formal methods of solicitation in the best interest of the UN. Hence, it was agreed to follow this approach for UNAMID due to exigency of requirements .



## Scope of Infrastructure Requirements

- Establishment of new camps for 4,100 personnel
  - El Fasher
  - Nyala
  - El Geneina
  - Zalingie
  - In addition, a training camp for 200 persons in El Obeid
- Provision of all camp services (catering, medical, janitorial, welfare and recreation, upkeep, etc.).



## Investigation of Viable Options and Selection of PAE/Lockheed on a sole source basis

- Nature & complexity of requirements necessitated contractor especially experienced in the Darfur environment.
- PAE, as a contractor to the US Government, has:
  - Been performing in Darfur since 2004;
  - Constructed and is maintaining all logistical services to the existing 34 AU camps;
  - Already has personnel and assets on the ground;
  - Is capable to mobilize construction teams within 30 to 60 days;
  - Developed a well functioning supply chain into Darfur including their own communications network, aviation fleet, and recruiting organization for local labor.



# Negotiations of Proposed Contract

- Based on FR 105.16 a sole source RFP was issued to PAE on 16 July 2007 with closing date of 15 August 2007.
- Proposal received on 15 August as specified.
- Extensive negotiations conducted from 20 August through 09 September 2007.
- Negotiations centered around:
  - Price
  - Terms and Conditions
  - Performance Bond
  - Insurance
- The UN used commercial information available from the US Government sources for benchmarking purposes.
- OIOS, in its capacity as observer, has been briefed on several occasions during the process of the sole source contracting.



## Results of Negotiations

- As a result of negotiations price reduced from ~\$700M to ~\$250M
- All other issues resolved to satisfaction of Procurement Division, Department Field Support, Office of Legal Affairs and Insurance Service.

**The advantages of  
the suggested approach are as follows:**

- The negotiated contract is limited to six month period with two extension options for three months each (max total 12 months).
- Approach allows for meeting immediate operational need while pursuing competition for longer term, larger value requirements.
- The UN has ensured that PAE maximize local sourcing i.e. cement, gravel, labor, etc.



## CONCLUSIONS

- The suggested approach is the only practicable option available in order to ensure that the requirements of SCR 1769 are met on time.
- It is consistent with the principles contained in the Secretary-General's letter to the President of the General Assembly dated 2 October 2007.
- Work has commenced to ensure that the major part of UNAMID's logistical package (Hybrid) is tendered internationally.