

# Delegation of Afghan Rug Producers



**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
Afghanistan Investment and Reconstruction Task Force

#### About the Afghanistan Investment and Reconstruction Task Force

The Afghanistan Investment and Reconstruction Task Force of the U.S. Department of Commerce serves as a resource of information for U.S. companies interested in rebuilding and investing in Afghanistan. The task force works closely with the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, other U.S. government agencies, the Afghan Embassy, and international organizations to provide U.S. companies counseling on the latest developments and opportunities for rebuilding and investing in Afghanistan. The task force maintains a very helpful Web site with up-to-the minute information for businesses interested in Afghanistan at [www.export.gov/afghanistan](http://www.export.gov/afghanistan). For business counseling on opportunities in Afghanistan, please call (202) 482-1812 or e-mail questions to [AfghanInfo@mail.doc.gov](mailto:AfghanInfo@mail.doc.gov).

## *A Message from the Secretary of Commerce*



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the Afghan rug delegation to the United States. I am pleased that you will have the opportunity to interact with American businesses and to showcase Afghanistan's rug-making industry. I also extend my thanks to those American businesses participating along with the delegates. I encourage U.S. executives to take advantage of this opportunity to network with and assist our Afghan guests. These interactions represent the continued commitment of the United States to help further Afghanistan's economic development and bring peace, hope, and prosperity to the Afghan people.

Earlier this year during a visit to Afghanistan, I talked with President Karzai, members of Parliament, and representatives of U.S. and Afghan companies. I heard firsthand of the desire to create a market in Afghanistan conducive to international trade and investment. I also learned about Afghanistan's natural resources and culture and saw many beautiful Afghan products.

I was particularly impressed by Afghanistan's hand-made rugs. Recent U.S. legislation grants hand-made Afghan rugs duty-free access to the American market, creating opportunities for business partnerships between our nations.

U.S. and Afghan companies have much to offer one another. Afghanistan has a unique product in its hand-made rugs. American firms offer years of proven experience in finishing, importing, and selling them. I hope that during their visit to the United States, Afghan rug makers will create business links with U.S. firms that will lead to mutual benefits.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Carlos M. Gutierrez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos M. Gutierrez

## **Afghan Rug Delegation**

Afghanistan is one of the leading producers of handmade rugs in the world. The delegation of Afghan rug producers and exporters are among the more innovative, experienced, and dependable producers of rugs in the country. Many are from families who have been in the rug business for generations. Their rugs tell the story of Afghanistan's history and represent the prospect of hope and stability for the country.

After decades of war and economic isolation, Afghanistan is now in the process of full reintegration into the global rug market. The delegation hopes to build relationships with importer associations, individual rug retailers, and buyers with the hopes of cultivating long-term opportunities for trade.

Many members of the delegation have formed a rug consortium, allowing them to offer international buyers a wide selection of rugs, and effectively meet large quantity orders. This also allows them to pool their individual years of experience, ensuring a reliable supply of top quality rugs.

The delegation is collectively committed to supplying only the highest quality hand-woven rugs, made from all-natural fibers. We produce rugs of a variety of designs, from traditional Afghan rugs to newer Chobis, Kazakhs, and Gabbeks. All rugs can be custom made: any color, any design, and any size.

The Afghan rug delegation looks forward to working with you and your company. We are confident that these new partnerships will provide robust opportunities for the U.S. consumer while catalyzing the burgeoning Afghan economy.

For more information about the delegation and their rugs, visit [www.afghancarpet2usa.com](http://www.afghancarpet2usa.com).

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Mr. Mohammad Asif and Mr. Mohammad Sarwar are partners in Parsa Rug Manufacturing and Trading Company in Kabul, Afghanistan. They have owned and operated Parsa for over 40 years, and their carpets showcase the unique zeghla and vegetable dyes. Employing over 200 workers, the company produces over 1,500 square meters of handmade Afghan carpets per month. Both Mr. Asif and Mr. Sarwar are customers of Alfalah Bank.

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Mr. Mohammad Mansoor, Mr. Mohammad Khalil, and Mr. Naser Samim are partners in Navid Fardin Ltd. in Kabul, Afghanistan. They have owned and operated Navid Fardin Ltd. for over 11 years. Their company employs eight workers, who produce up to 1,500 square meters of handmade Afghan carpets per month. Mr. Mansoor, Mr. Khalil, and Mr. Samin are customers of Kabul Bank.

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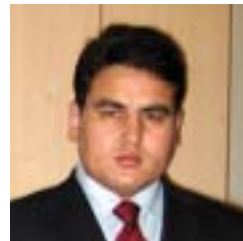
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