

USCENTCOM intends expand logistics, engineering and contracting opportunities within the Central and South Asian (CASA) States (in priority order: Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Pakistan) to provide the foundation for a responsible, stable and cooperative coalition of national partners in the CASA states to facilitate the movement of supplies through the Northern Distribution Network (NDN) to support OEF while continuing the Afghan First Program.

The resources to implement this strategy will come from the procurement efforts of DOD and our federal partners. You are asked to make every effort, within operational, legal and regulatory constraints, to consider the use of sources from these countries to fill services and products required to support OEF. Key enablers available to help you to do this include being able to apply preferences to products and services from these countries (see DFARS Part 225.77 (Acquisitions in Support of Operations in Iraq or Afghanistan) and Class Deviation to Implement Temporary Authority to Acquire Products and Services Produced in Countries along a Major Route of Supply to Afghanistan <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA006547-09-DPAP.pdf> and PGI 225.77. To facilitate an understanding of procurement in the CASA region, DLA has developed a webportal that is a collaborative tool for SC CASA partners to share information and identify best practices. It contains key information, including market research, current action items, regulations/policies and other documents related to efforts of the USCENTCOM SC/CASA Working Group. You can get to the portal by going to: <https://www.intelink.gov/sites/sccasa/default.aspx> .

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