



# US Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division



## Overseas Contingency Operations (GWOT)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plays a key role in defense operations and response to natural disasters at home and abroad. USACE civilians support military operations, peace-time operations, and provide humanitarian relief and infrastructure reconstruction.

Today, the Corps has an ongoing mission, unprecedented in scope, to assist in rebuilding infrastructure in Iraq and Afghanistan in support of overseas contingency operations and the Global War on Terror (GWOT). Our objective is to ensure that qualified civilian employees are available in adequate numbers, with the skills to meet worldwide mission requirements during periods of national emergency, mobilization, war, military crisis, and other contingencies.

In March 2004, the Corps established the Afghanistan Engineering District (AED) with 7 area offices, 22 resident offices, and 6 project offices. AED provides project management, engineering, contracting, construction management, real estate and safety support to a variety of customers in Afghanistan. AED performs a crucial role in international efforts to facilitate establishing a secure and stable environment in Afghanistan while promoting reconstruction and infrastructure development. Using its expertise and capabilities in water resources development, environment, infrastructure, and disaster response, the Corps is helping to rebuild the Afghani infrastructure by constructing and repairing roads, bridges, irrigation systems, dams, utilities, police and border patrol stations, medical facilities, schools, and other infrastructure facilities.

The civilian, military, and local personnel assigned to AED manage programs and projects that support a full spectrum of regional activities for the International Security Assistance Force; Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan and Regional Command – East, both U.S. commands; U.S. Agency for International Development; and other organizations operating in Afghanistan.

Northwestern Division helps recruit, staff and support the AED workforce which is expected to grow to carry out an approximate \$3.7 billion workload in FY10. AED employs about 80 U.S. military personnel, 300 civil service volunteers, and several hundred Afghans. Since 2001, more than 750 personnel from Northwestern Division have deployed to the Middle East in support of contingency operations.

