



The Embassy of Afghanistan
WASHINGTON, DC

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Re: **Letter of Recommendation for ARCADD, Inc.**

To Whom It May Concern:

Through this letter, I wish to express my most sincere support for Dr. Hisham N. Ashkouri, President of ARCADD, Inc. Through our Embassy, Dr. Ashkouri has worked on the urban design and development of two separate private investment projects for Afghanistan since September 2005.

Through his great spirit and positive energy, Dr. Ashkouri and his highly professional team drafted a comprehensive proposal for the redevelopment of our capital city, Kabul called "The City of Light." The project entailed the private development of offices, hotels, residential structures, cultural and medical buildings in the Old City of Kabul with a projected budget of \$9.6 Billion.

Furthermore, ARCADD also proposed the architectural design and development of the Afghan National Museum, Library and Cultural Center, to be funded through the private sector at a total cost of \$200 million.

Through our many encounters over the last several years, I have been highly impressed with Dr. Ashkouri and his team at ARCADD with their dedication to assisting the people of Afghanistan. Dr. Ashkouri and his team have visited Afghanistan several times and have met with key officials in our government in efforts to move their project forward.

ARCADD's experience in urban development will certainly advance the reconstruction effort in Afghanistan and I fully support their interest in bringing investment and capacity to other countries as well through future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Said T. Jawad
Ambassador