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**The Afghan American Chamber of Commerce**

invite you to a roundtable discussion with

**His Excellency Ehsan Zia**  
**Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development**  
**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

United States Chamber of Commerce  
1615 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC  
3M/RJR Room  
April 21, 2008 - 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Minister Zia will provide an overview of the newly launched Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Program (AREDP), a ten-year program seeking to implement rural support programs through public-private partnerships. The program seeks to jump-start private sector growth in rural areas with a focus on key sub-sectors of the economy where Afghanistan has a comparative advantage. At an estimated cost of \$568 million, AREDP also offers lucrative opportunities to foreign investors seeking to participate in this important program for Afghanistan's future development.

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