



AFGHAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AACC)

AACC'S MISSION

The AACC serves the interests of its members through programs which promote the U.S.-Afghanistan economic and commercial relationship and advocate for a market-led economy in Afghanistan. It seeks to strengthen U.S.-Afghan business-to-business ties and ensure that Afghanistan's economy is pro-growth and pro-business focusing on increasing the employment of the Afghan people as a way to stabilize and help develop their nation. It remains the AACC's goal to promote the exchange of information and networking which leads to greater trade, investment, marketing and commercial relations between Afghan and U.S. businesses as well as business enterprises within the Central Asia region.

AACC WELCOMES MEMBERSHIP FROM A DIVERSE CONSTITUENCY:

- **U.S. companies** interested in investing, trading, marketing to or doing business with Afghanistan;
- **Afghan companies** interested in investing, trading, marketing to or doing business with the U.S.;
- **Companies owned by Afghan-Americans;**
- **Non-Profit Organizations, contractors, subcontractors, small businesses, think tanks, government institutions, trade and investment promotion organizations, and individuals** interested in U.S.-Afghan economic and commercial relations and the furtherance of Afghanistan's economic development and the growth of Afghanistan's private sector-led market.

AACC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS ARE EXTENSIVE AND MAY EXPAND TO MEET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

- **Experienced, "on-the-ground" guidance** for doing business in the frontier market known as Afghanistan;
- **Opportunities to meet with influential and relevant Afghan and U.S. Government officials and private sector partners;**
- **Conferences and seminars that highlight business opportunities and strategies** for winning contracts, investing or trading with Afghanistan and creating new partnerships or joint ventures;
- **Access to a growing network of more than 400 companies, organizations and partner institutions that provide information, market and business intelligence and a deep understanding of the Afghan marketplace.** These relationships could provide resources or market intelligence, they could help your business to find in-country partners, they could assist in arranging project or trade financing, and they could provide basic service support so you can better promote your business development and expand your program or operational services.
- **Guidance on financing and program funding** through agencies such as the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), World Bank's IFC, Afghan Banks, Afghan Ministries, U.S. Government institutions like the Departments of State and Defense and international assistance agencies such as USAID, USTDA, ADB, JICA, and others.
- **Opportunities to contribute ideas, advocate and express concerns directly to U.S. and Afghan policymakers** in order to promote a pro-business, pro-growth, pro-job creation economic policy agenda and to help focus economic priorities on actions that will grow Afghanistan's free market business environment now;
- **Access to exclusive members-only information and business resources** on the AACC website, through periodic meetings, email or e-newsletter updates and informational briefings that introduce AACC members to leaders in government and commerce and provide donor institutions, government officials, Embassy representatives and other external networks with the latest in business and economic information about Afghanistan and U.S.-Afghan economic relations.

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AFGHAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AACC) MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

BENEFITS BASED ON MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND TYPES

INVESTMENT	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Non-Profit	Individual	Student
Guidance for doing business in Afghanistan	√						
Guidance on financing & funding through governmental agencies	√						
Meeting with influential and relevant Afghan and U.S. officials	√						
Access to a growing network of AACC Members and Friends	√	Limited	Limited				
Special Meetings with AACC Board of Director Members	3	2	1				
Assisting with Investment License & Business Process	√						
Business Referral Service to ACCI Officials & Staffs	√	√					
LEADERSHIP & PARTICIPATION	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Non-Profit	Individual	Student
Nomination for Board of Directors vacant positions*	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Assist organizing AACC Conferences & Networking Events	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Engagement in the Annual U.S.–Afghanistan Business Matchmaking Conference	√	√	√				
Membership at AACC Working Groups	√						
Increased Representation by having votes in in Annual General Assembly Meetings	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
ADVERTISEMENT	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Non-Profit	Individual	Student
Logo placement on AACC website	1 Year	6 Months	3 Months				
Logo placement on monthly newsletter	1 Year						
Recognition as AACC member on AACC's website	√	√	√	√	√		
Regulatory E-mail alerts & announcement	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Organization web link on AACC website	√	√	√				
Subscription to AACC monthly newsletter	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
SAVINGS & DISCOUNTS	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Non-Profit	Individual	Student
Preferential Opportunities for Event Sponsorship at special discounted fee	√						
Complimentary registration for AACC's Annual U.S. - Afghanistan Business Matchmaking Conferences	2	1	1				
Participation in AACC Sponsored Events at Reduced Rate	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
AWARDS & CERTIFICATES	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Non-Profit	Individual	Student
AACC's Businessperson of the Year Award – Afghan Owned Companies	√	√	√	√	√		
Membership Certificate	√	√	√	√	√	√	
EDUCATION & INTERNSHIP	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Non-Profit	Individual	Student
Internship Opportunities							√

* AACC Board of Directors approval is required.



AFGHAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AACC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

E-Mail to: membership@a-acc.org

MEMBER INFORMATION

Company/Organization Name: _____

Individual /Representative: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: Female Male | Nationality: Afghan American (US) Afghan and American Other: _____

Title/Job Position: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Business Sector: _____ Key Projects: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & TYPES REQUESTED (Please check one)

PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP

\$10,000 (51 plus employees)

- 3 Votes in the General Assembly Meetings
- Up to 3 Special Meetings with AACC Board Members
- Access to Database of Members and Friends
- Help plan Receptions, Seminars & Networking Events
- Engagement in Business Matchmaking Conference
- Logo Placement on AACC Website

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

\$5,000 (16-50 employees)

- 2 Votes in the General Assembly Meetings
- Up to 2 Special Meetings with AACC Board Member
- Limited Access to Database of Members and Friends

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

\$2,500 (6-15 employees)

- 2 Votes in the General Assembly Meetings
- One Special Meeting with AACC Board Members

BASIC-SMALL BUSINESS

\$1,000 (Company of 1-5 employees)

- One (1) Vote in the General Assembly Meetings

OTHER BASIC MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

\$250 Individual (non-business)

\$150 Non-Profit / Academic Organization *

\$50 Student **

*Must provide a copy of IRS letter of determination showing 501(c) (3) designation. | ** Must provide proof of enrollment in an academic or vocational institution.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check (Payable to Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce) | Check Number: _____ **Cash** **Bank Wire Transfer** (Contact AACC Offices)

Credit Card:    

Amount: \$

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Security Code:

Card Holder's Name:

Title:

Email:

Office/Mobile:

Fax:

Card's Billing Add.: Same as above Different

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

Refund Policy: The annual dues are not refundable and reflect the period of one year from the date payment is received.

I certify that the above information is correct and complete.

By signing this form, I authorize the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) and/or its staff to charge my Credit Card for the above-mentioned amount.

Card Holder's Signature:

Date:

Incomplete forms will not be processed.

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