



Africa Training Solutions International Selected by U.S. State Department to Support African Peacekeeping Program

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The U.S. Department of State has selected Africa Training Solutions International LLC (ATSI), a joint venture in which IDS International Government Services LLC is a minority partner, as one of four small business awardees to conduct peacekeeping operations and humanitarian assistance training for the African Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA) program.

The contract is an indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quality award with a potential value of \$600 million over five years.

Managed by the State Department's Bureau of African Affairs, ACOTA's mission is to enhance the capacities and capabilities of its African Partner Countries, regional institutions, and the continent's peacekeeping resources as a whole so that they can plan for, train, deploy, and sustain sufficient quantities of professionally competent peacekeepers to meet conflict transformation requirements with minimal non-African assistance.

Nations currently participating in the ACOTA program include: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zambia.

"IDS is delighted to deepen our partnership with the Department of State through ATSI and to do so on such a meaningful program as ACOTA," said IDS Founder and President Nick Dowling. "ATSI will further the State Department's important work of building the capacity of African nations in multinational peacekeeping."

About Africa Training Solutions International LLC

Operating out of Arlington, VA, Africa Training Solutions International, a Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business, is a joint venture in which IDS International is a minority member.

About IDS International Government Services LLC

IDS International brings multidisciplinary expertise and innovative culture to the national security challenges of the 21st century. We provide training, research, engineering, and

international development capabilities globally, including in some of the most challenging conflict zones in the world. Our success is built upon expertise, strong customer relationships, and a passion for creating and delivering quality solutions.

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