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SUBJECT: AFTER ACTION REPORT (AAR) TDY to Prince Sultan AB, Al-Kharj, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

1. PURPOSE OF TDY: The Contracting goal for this deployment was to provide overall contracting support to all agencies in support of Operation Southern Watch.
2. PERSONNEL DEPLOYED: 305th CONS/LGCB TSgt Moore

3. ITINERARY:

<u>STOPS</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Depart McGuire AFB NJ	20 JUL 99
Arrive Rein Main AB GE	21 JUL 99
Depart Rein Main AB GE	21 JUL 99
Arrive Prince Sultan AB K.S.A.	21 JUL 99
Depart Prince Sultan AB K.S.A.	17 NOV 99
Arrive Rein Main AB GE	17 NOV 99
Arrive McGuire AFB NJ	18 NOV 99

4. DEPLOYMENT/OBSERVATIONS

The Contracting Office located at Prince Sultan AB has been established for numerous years. The office is in the sustainment mode of operation under high security. Travel by military personnel is extremely limited. This deployment was rotational with all major contracts already in place. The sponsorship package that was provided by the 4404th Contracting office was extremely helpful in preparation for the deployment.

Accounting and Finance

The Accounting and Finance Office used all methods of payment including electronic transfers. One day a week cash payments were made at the main gate to the installation. When Contracting Officers made trips in the Al-Karj finance personnel were always made available.

Communications

Communication is still the greatest barrier at Prince Sultan Air Base. There is only one commercial line to the Coalition side of the Air Base. Cell phone coverage is limited and the office uses a satellite phone for faxes. More lines are available however the Saudis will not allow them to be installed.

Security

Security is extremely tight for all aspects of the operation. Every contractor must be escorted at all times and all incoming vehicles, cargo and personnel must go through the search procedure. This process is extremely time consuming and can cause delays from two to six hours. If the dog alerts on a person or vehicle the area can be closed for an unlimited time. If possible, it is best to perform minor contractual actions at the gate preventing the need for the contractor to come on base.

Sources of Supply

There are a wide variety of suppliers of anything that the forces stationed at Prince Sultan AB would need. Language is not a barrier unless dealing with laborers. Most of the companies have representatives that just deal with Coalition Forces. Competition on requirements that require it is not a problem with such a wide vendor base.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Contracting Officers should be informed of the minimum amount their warrant needs to be. That amount should be high enough to handle any contingency that the Contracting Officer may encounter.

Where possible there should be some overlap between rotating Contracting Officers to insure the integrity of contracts.

Contracting Officers should be scheduled to attend the Middle East Orientation Course

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