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**BUSINESS:** Engineering Training Center

## **Bio information**

Zarmina holds a Master's Degree in Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Kabul. As a structural engineer in her country, she understands how important working outside the home can be for women. She believes by creating this opportunity for more women it can have a positive effect on all of society.

Living through the six (6) years of Taliban regime was the bleakest time for women, depriving them of all their rights. And while the political change after 9/11 brought a new ray of hope for women, change comes very slowly. With women counting for 48.9 percent of the Afghan population, their numbers are much smaller when it comes to working in civil services, with even more limited numbers in higher positions.

## **Business information**

The Engineering Training Center's purpose is to create an academic engineering environment for two types of students, post-graduate and experienced engineers who are unfamiliar with new technology. The center's establishment will help in the reconstruction of Afghanistan, something that Zarmina is very passionate about.

By offering specialized training in different fields of engineering it will attract a large number of customers seeking to improve their job prospects. The demand for services should be fairly great because the customers will learn the skills specific to their field without having to study other courses where the training is done on a more general level.

By attending PEACE THROUGH BUSINESS, Zarmina wants to learn better finance management and communication skills.