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Renovation Begins for Shin Kay OCCD

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ZABUL, Afghanistan- The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) working alongside the Troopers of Dog Company, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment are reconnecting the people of Shin Kay village with government services by establishing a new Operational Coordination Center in the local marketplace.

“Bringing the Shin Kay OCCD into the district center is the next step in granting the community unfettered access to their government and security forces,” said Capt. Adam Scher, Commander of Dog Company, 2nd Squadron, 2SCR. “While U.S., ANA and ANP have a functioning coordination center behind the walls of the ANA compound at FOB Sweeney, an OCCD in the bazaar and district center is a real and measurable improvement allowing the people of Shin Kay the ability to walk right into a single location that can provide them support, justice and emergency response.”

By opening the new OCCD in the district center, ANA Forces hope to encourage people to come to them for help in an attempt to build stronger bonds between the government and the

citizens of Shin Kay. ANA officials hope that by being more accessible, the public will provide more information to aid them in their security efforts.

“The OCCD in the district center will ensure the people do not have to walk through security and gates to give us tips and information,” said Col. Dost, commander 1st Kandak, 2-205th. “Bringing the OCCD to the district center will allow all the people of Shin Kay to be our eyes and ears in our fight against the Taliban.”

Shin Kay District Chief Abdul Qadeem believes this is a positive step for the citizens of his district.

“Renovating and expanding the district center to establish the OCCD will be great steps in making the people understand their government is here to work for them,” he said.

The OCCD will open following several renovations to the building.