



This is a critical time. The opportunity for the full application of economic development in support of counterinsurgency doctrine is now. The opportunity to support the Iraqi people in their desire for prosperity in a diverse, safe, and open society is now. The opportunity for international investment with an orientation to high risk and high return in a nation with great potential for long-term prosperity is now. Seizing these opportunities remains the challenge of the day.

—Paul A. Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Business Transformation, quoted from “Restoring Hope: Economic Revitalization in Iraq Moves Forward,” *Military Review*, March-April 2008.