

Questions and Answers for
Strengthening Anti-Corruption Supervisory Institutions (SACSI)
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Question #1: Is the selection of states to work with made collaboratively with INL after the award or do we have to name the states in the proposal? Is it sufficient to present criteria for selection in the proposal? Is there a minimum number of states?

INL Response #1: INL is open to receive proposals to implement within specific states. Priority states under the Bicentennial Framework are Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Zacatecas, Jalisco, Guanajuato, Michoacan, Guerrero, Quintana Roo. Minimum of states can be determined by the applicant based on funding availability and opportunity to implement the project.

Question #2: The NOFO indicates that the proposal narrative has a maximum of 20 pages. Does this include the cover page, table of contents and executive summary? Or is the 20 pages in addition to these initial pages?

INL Response #2: The 20 pages limit includes initial pages.

Question #3: One of the templates asks about the project starting date. Do we write our best guess, our preference, or simply "not known?"

INL Response #3: The start date can be set as of June 2022.

Question #4: Is there a minimum number of AGOs participants that should be referenced?

INL Response #4: INL is open to suggestions within your proposal

Question #5: Do we need to incorporate quantitative targets in the Performance Indicator Reference Sheet? If yes, can these be modified following award based on discussions with INL? Or can we simply present indicators with targets pending award?

INL Response #5: Yes, these can be included in the proposal. If awarded, these should be discussed and approved by INL.

Question #6: Is there a policy or preference regarding exclusivity or non-exclusivity of partner organizations or subs?

INL Response #6: No. The applicant should follow their internal policies.

Question #7: Can the implementer finance a partner through a fixed price subcontract? If so, is there a yearly or project cap on the amount of subcontracts?

INL Response #7: A fixed price subcontract is feasible. There is no project cap in the amount of subcontracts. The applicant should follow their internal policies.

Question #8: Can the implementer finance a partner through a subgrant? If so, is there a yearly or project cap on the amount of subgrants?

INL Response #8: A subgrant is feasible. There is no project cap in the amount of subgrants.

Question #9: In how many and in which states INL wants to implement the project? Is it possible to choose the states for implementation? Does INL have priority states? If this applies, which ones? Priority states under the Bicentennial Framework are: Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Zacatecas, Jalisco, Guanajuato, Michoacan, Guerrero, Quintana Roo. However, INL is open to receive proposals to work with specific states.

INL Response #9: INL is open to receive proposals to implement within specific states.

Question #10: Do we have a predetermined format to present the History of U.S Government Federal Assistance Award?

INL Response #10: No, this requirement should be addressed at your convenience.

Question #11: In Objective 2. Raise standards through international exchanges on best practices with respect to detecting, investigating, and sanctioning public corruption, official misconduct, administrative failures or other irregularities during the judicial process. Does the phrase in bold

make reference to this stage in particular or to the whole process (including the reception of crime reports?

INL Response #11: INL is open to consider the stages you believe be best for achieving the goal.

Question #12: Does INL have an expectative related to the duration of the virtual exchange program?

INL Response #12: No. INL is open to suggestions within your proposal.

Question #13: Regarding the participants, Will the program have national coverage, or only within the states of implementation?

INL Response #13: Only within states of implementation.

Question #14: Will INL help contact US experts?

INL Response #14: It is expected that the potential grantee can be able to arrange on its own all activities considered under the project.

Question #15: Can we consider inviting experts from other countries?

INL Response #15: INL is open to suggestions within your proposal. However, US experts should also be considered.