

Questions on NOFO: Anticorruption Policy and Research Outreach and Engagement

Opportunity # SFOP0008533

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1. Page 6, Section A. Project Description, Areas of particular interest for INL with regard to exchange and public awareness campaigns, sub-bullet one states “less known dimensions of corruption (to include the ways corruption impacts vulnerable groups at a disproportionate rate)”. *Could INL please confirm that applicant projects can focus on a specific vulnerable group?*

Answer: Applicant projects can include activities that engage with specific vulnerable groups, but the overall project should emphasize breadth and diversity of communities and also sectors to include but not limited to civil society, private sector, academia.

2. Page 7, Section A. Project Description, 3. Project Objectives includes 4 objectives. *Could INL please confirm that applicant projects should encompass all four objectives?*

Answer: Yes

3. The NOFO (p.11) states that the proposal narrative is not to exceed 15 pages in length. Could INL please confirm our interpretation that this limit applies to the subsequently listed sub-sections (Cover Page, Table of Contents, Executive Summary, Timeline, Activity Map, Future Funding Plan/Sustainability) but not to the required Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Project Risk Analysis, which appear to be stand-alone sections?

Answer: The 15-page limit includes the following six sections:

1. Cover page
 2. Table of contents
 3. Executive summary
 4. Timeline
 5. Activity map
 6. Future funding plan/sustainability
4. In January INL’s Division of Design and Learning, Office of Knowledge Management indicated to ABA ROLI that revisions and updates are being made to the MEL requirements for NOFOs, including possibly, the Activity Map (table/template) and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (template). Could INL please share the new/revised MEL guidance and required documentation if it is available?

Answer: Please complete the current forms that were uploaded under the Related Documents section of this NOFO announcement on www.grants.gov.

5. “Reports and policy brief topics may be discussed at the roundtable sessions and should be previewed with INL prior to public dissemination. Activities should be coordinated closely with INL to ensure consistency with ongoing INL-supported public messaging activities, research initiatives, and learning programs (e.g., the Justice, Training, Research, and Coordination Program Plus or research conducted by the Library of Congress in select anti-corruption areas).” What happens if findings/recommendations do not align with the INL’s messaging? Will there be any edits to ensure consistency with INL’s messaging?

Answer: Implementers will coordinate with INL on the topics and themes of activities, but INL does not dictate the conclusions reached through those activities.

6. We are interested in participating in the opportunity of Grant number SFOP0008533 Disclosure and participation in anti-corruption policies and investigations Department of State Office of International Narcotics Law Enforcement, unfortunately we cannot have access to the format package to be able to work on our proposal, which is why we ask for your support so that you can share the 7 formats that you indicate in this way or tell us how and where we can download them.

Answer: Per the NOFO: This opportunity is posted on www.grants.gov, along with all required application forms and, where applicable, templates for application documents. Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted via www.grants.gov. The templates were uploaded under the Related Documents section of this NOFO announcement on www.grants.gov.

7. If an applicant has submitted a pre-award risk survey in the past for an alternative competition, does the applicant have to submit the pre-award risk survey again?

Answer: Per the requirements stated in the NOFO: the fully completed INL Applicant Pre-Award Risk Survey is a required submission.

8. If an applicant must submit the pre-award risk survey again for this application, can an applicant use the previous version of the pre-award risk survey versus the current one in this application? The reason being when we compared the prior and current version of the survey, we noticed that they cover the same questions/data but just in a different order on the survey.

Answer: Per the requirements stated in the NOFO: the fully completed INL Applicant Pre-Award Risk Survey is a required submission, and the template was uploaded under the Related Documents section of this NOFO announcement on www.grants.gov.

9. If we must submit the new pre-award risk survey would DoS, please provide the applicants with this new form?

Answer: The INL Applicant Pre-Award Risk Survey template was uploaded under the Related Documents section of this NOFO announcement on www.grants.gov.