

Questions and Answers – June 13, 2017
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- 1- Please specify, for budgeting purposes, the number of days for the study tour.
- a. Please specify whether travel days are included as study tour days on the schedule or whether they will be additional days.

Answer: Study tours will be of seven days including the travel days (page 6 of NOFO)

- 2- Could the number of iterations be decreased as long as the number of total participants trained remains the same?

Answer: No. It will be difficult for INL to find more participants in the same study tour.

- 2- Participant travel from Mexico (Page 6 of NOFO and Activity 1 in Objective 2):

- a. Where are the participants expected to travel from in Mexico?

Answer: Participants will be selected from various Mexican States. Grantee should bring participant from his/her state of origin to where the study tour will be implemented and back to his/her home Mexican state.

- b. Will they all be expected to arrive at a central location in Mexico on their own to begin their journey to the U.S.?

Answer: Grantee can arrange having participants to depart from Mexico City and have them all as a group but that will increase a day of travel.

- c. For budgeting purposes, is it realistic to budget all travel from Mexico City? (Budget includes flight from MEX to U.S. and then transport to hotel and all local transportation until their return to Mexico City).

Answer: Yes, please include all expenses.

- d. Will INL provide each participant's home city for budgeting purposes? (Language in the NOFO mentions budgeting for travel from home to airport for the participants; however, without specifically identifying home cities, it will be assumed that all participants are traveling from Mexico City).

Answer: Home cities cannot be assumed to be Mexico City only. Please do an estimate using the possible higher value departing from different Mexican States (GSA per diem rates).

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- e. How are taxi expenses to be calculated if Grantee is not notified of the location of where the participants will be traveling from (Assuming it is from different states in Mexico) and what the costs incurred will be budgeting wise?

Answer: Suggest to provide an estimate around 90 dollars taxi home/airport/home and make a note that amounts can increase.

3- Cultural events:

- a. What types of cultural events are expected?

Answer: Cultural events can include city tours at the most representative cities in the U.S. about illustrative places and locations of U.S. history.

- b. Based on the length of the study tour (mentioned above) are the cultural activities mandatory if the schedule is extremely tight?

Answer: Cultural activities are not mandatory.

4- Travel Insurance (page 6 of NOFO):

- a. Please clarify; does travel insurance reflect emergency health insurance while delegates are in the U.S. or insurance for airfare cancellations?

Answer: Grantee should contract and offer participants both.

6- Number of cities mentioned (illustrative targets on page 9 of NOFO):

- a. Please specify if 24 different cities need to be visited, or 24 different visits will be made total. For example, if the grantee uses the same partners twice or three times a year, meaning over the course of the grant the same cities are revisited with different participants, will that be allowed?

Answer: 24 cities will be made total but these can be repeated. For example the cities selected to the study tours implemented for the first year can be the same to the ones of the second year.