7. Our organization has an affiliate in Mexico which has been fully registered under the laws of Mexico since 2003. Although we would serve as a prime, given the relationship, even if we were to win the award, we would implement this project through this organization, using its existing infrastructure in Mexico. Does this satisfy the eligibility requirement for this award as stated in Section III?

Answer: What type of affiliate are you referring about? Is it a not-for-profit/non-governmental organization (NGOs) or U.S. based educational institution?

REVISION

Question after June 12 posting:

In the answer to question no. 7 posted on June 12, you ask about the type of affiliate that we refer to in our question.

The affiliate is a not-for-profit/non-governmental organization registered in Mexico. Does this satisfy the eligibility requirement for this award as stated in Section III?

Revised Answer June 16: Please see page 1 of the NOFO. Eligibility Category: Applicants that qualify to receive U.S. grants (such as U.S. not-for-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or U.S. based educational institutions subject to section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code; foreign not-for-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or foreign based educational institutions.

June 12 Q&As

1. On page 2 of the NOFO, INL indicates that each study tour will include two locations in the U.S. Could INL clarify whether each tour will go to the same two locations or whether these could change for each tour?

   Answer: Each city will preferably change for each study tour. From the two cities in each study tour the first one can be the same for all of them and the other one can be different.

2. On page 14, the NOFO requests that cover pages include the name and number of the Target Themes. Is the reference to Target Themes deliberate and if so, could INL please clarify what these are?

   Answer: The cover page must include the proposal title of applicant and the Target Themes which will be to build mutual understanding between Mexican law enforcement and Mexican Women's Justice Center, through carefully designed visits, professional meetings, and activities that reflect the visitors' professional interests like forensics and SGBV, domestic violence, victim's emergency response, victims' services, and victims' advocates, among others.

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   Answer: The statement on no indirect costs against participant expenses is only applicable to applicants without a NICRA and who are charging a de minimis rate of 10% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC).

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   Answer: INL will consider including first the states that have a WCJ in order to reinforce the linkage: Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chihuahua, Colima, Yucatán, Zacatecas, Guerrero, Morelos, Chiapas, San Luis Potosí, Nayarit and Mexico State. And then INL will look forward to include the states such as Tlaxcala.

5. From the illustrative targets in the table in the Desired Results and Illustrative Indicators Section, it seems that INL anticipates having 24 cities total participate in the Program. We believe that there would be efficiencies if one city were to host two sets of study tours. Would INL consider a range of 12-24 cities as a target?

   Answer: Yes

6. In Tab C Budget Guidelines, Section H: Indirect Charges, we would like to know if there is a special statute authorizing the Agency to refuse to pay indirect costs on participant expenses even if there is no such exclusion on the NICRA negotiated with USAID.

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