

Questions and Answers – June 16, 2017
Strengthening Law Enforcement's Partnerships with Women's Justice Centers
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1. The NOFO refers to “six iterations per year” of the study tour program (p.2). Do we assume correctly that the same basic study tour program, subject to required adjustments, is to be repeated essentially 12 times for each study cohort?

Answer: 12 study tours total in a period of 2 years. Programmatic topics will be the same/similar for each one.

2. Is it acceptable and expected that all 12 of the study tours will be conducted in the same two US cities (p.5/7)?

Answer: No. The aim of the study tours is to get to know best practices in different cities of the U.S., however the first 6 study tours in different cities can be repeated in the second year.

3. References are made to addressing “domestic violence” and “gender based violence” (pp. 3, 5, 6) – and separately to protecting “women and children from violence.” (p.3) Is the project expected to address LGBT issues as well?

Answer: No

4. NOFO refers to submitting “proposed itineraries for INL approve prior to execution.” (p.5) Is this in reference to the itinerary to be included in the proposal – or is it intended to address any changes in the program arising after the award date?

Answer: The proposed itineraries make reference to meetings and visits arranged for each study tour and if approved by INL, INL will share that information to Mexican participants attending.

5. On page 5, the NOFO states that “[t]his project is intended to assist Mexican judges, prosecutors, and police officers....” This is repeated on page 6. In the last paragraph on page 5 indicates that “[v]isitors....are selected from the ranks of Mexico’s police in the Women’s Justice Centers and Mexican police agencies.” Is this study tour solely for police officers or will it include judges and prosecutors?

Answer: Mexican participants could be police officers, judges and prosecutors.

6. “ INL will identify potential Mexican participants.” (p.6) Is it intended that each tour group be from the same area/city or will it be composed of a geographically mixed group? Are adjustments expected based on the place of origin for each group?

Answer: INL will select Mexican participants coming from different Mexican States (32).

7. Page 6/7 – Will INL designate a point of contact provide all necessary contact information and copies of passports needed to arrange for travel to and from the US?

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Answer: Yes

8. Page 7 – “An INL representative will accompany each study tour...” Please confirm that we should plan on only one INL representative in planning local logistics.

Answer: An INL representative will accompany each study tour or more than one as instructed by INL leadership. In both cases INL will pay for the above.

9. Target population. It would appear that the beneficiaries of this project are the 144 participants selected by INL for the study tour. While one can anticipate some follow on impact of this training on the departments in which the participants work, without knowing the selection criteria and the specific institutions they are being drawn from, we are not sure how to anticipate or measure any secondary impact beneficiaries.

Answer: There is no need to anticipate or measure secondary impact beneficiaries.

10. Page 10-11 notes the applicability of the Leahy Amendment. On page 7, INL commits to arranging official A2 visas and processing vetting. Will the implementer be expect to arrange for the Leahy Amendment vetting or will INL handle that?

Answer: INL will take care of the Leahy vetting.

11. Page 15 – Items 11, 12, 13 and 15 – are these items to be submitted separately as attachments under the 3 page limit or are they to be incorporated into the project narrative?

Answer: Please include them in the project narrative.

12. Page 29 – “Proposal clearly articulates understanding of the security situation/operating environment and plans for ensuring safety of participants (2) “ Security and program performance would not appear to be a significant concern within the US. Is the project expected to provide security for participants selected by INL in Mexico?

Answer: No. Mexican participant will be responsible for his/her security in general.

13. Page 29 – “Includes contingency plans for potential difficulties in executing the original work plan (6)” The most significant contingency to threaten program implementation would be the unavailability of participants. At what point will INL provide a firm commitment on the availability of the participants for a specific study tour? In the alternative, what is the latest date before performance that INL would cancel a study tour (with potential cancellation costs) with an expectation that it would be rescheduled?

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Answer: INL will do its best to find Mexican participants and avoid any kind of cancellations.

14. Page 29 – Is the project expected to budget and pay for an external midterm and/or final evaluation?

Answer: It can or can't be included in the proposal attaching justification for why one is not included.