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Global Telecommunications and Emerging Technology Training
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Question 1: Is a list of all ESF-eligible countries available?

DOS Response: Countries eligible for Economic Support Funds are those countries that fall within the World Bank low income and lower-middle income categories and are not currently restricted from receiving assistance by the United States. The current lists of World Bank classified low income and lower-middle income countries can be found at [World Bank Country and Lending Groups – World Bank Data Help Desk](#).

Question 2: Is there a minimum number of countries that need to be targeted by the proposal?

DOS Response: We welcome applicants propose creative curricula and delivery schedules that reach all regions of the globe.

Question 3: Is there a minimum number of individuals that are expected to receive training during the period of the grant?

DOS Response: We welcome applicants propose creative curricula schedules to be responsive, meets the reasonable availability of the beneficiaries and meets the desired level of competency required to receive a certificate or accreditation. We expect the applicant to be able to deliver multiple courses on a rolling basis that run simultaneously as needed. Training is expected to follow a virtual/in-person hybrid model as determined by pandemic related travel precautions. The number of attendees per virtual and in-person training will range between 20-30 individuals. Please see the Q. and A. of June 7.

Question 4: Clarifications about travel costs. In the June 7 Q&A, you stated that “the award is intended to cover the costs of travel for trainees,” but the budget guidelines indicate “STAFF travel only” for the “Travel” budget item. Please clarify. –

DOS Response: Correct, travel cost category is for Recipient’s staff travel only. You can list attendee travel and related accommodations, including visa fees, etc., as applicable, under Other Direct Costs.

Question 5: Has this funding opportunity been offered in the past, and if so is a list of selected applicants/institutions available?

DOS Response: No, we have not had similar funding opportunities. Furthermore, sharing a list of previously selected organizations would be considered inappropriate.