

Questions and Answers
INL-15-GR-0001-WHPMexico-10062014
October 30, 2014

1. Question:

The announcement states that: **Deadline for Applications: Complete proposal packages must be received by 11:59 pm EST on the 1st of every other month starting December 1, 2014 through October 1, 2015, via www.grants.gov.**

Applicants may not submit more than (1) proposal.

It's not clear if the limit is 1 proposal is per deadline or 1 proposal total until October 1, 2015, from a university like ours. Please clarify.

Answer:

Applicants should submit one (1) proposal per deadline.

2. Question:

Can you tell us what the following in **green** means?

Be a registered, U.S. non-profit organization or a registered U.S. private/state educational institution meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c) (3) **and can demonstrate current country registration in Mexico.**

Answer:

This part of the eligibility requirement means that each organization applying for this solicitation must be registered with the Government of Mexico to do business in Mexico.

3. Question:

If we already have the SAM.gov number, do we also need the Central Contracting Registry (CCR) number, or is the CCR already consolidated within the SAM.gov?

Answer:

CCR has been integrated into SAM.gov and that's the system that organizations should be registering in ANNUALLY in order to apply for any US government federal assistance (grants and/or contracts).

Grants.gov requires all organizations to have an ACTIVE status in SAM.gov prior to applying for grants in the system. The grants.gov system verifies all the organizations information on the application against the information listed in SAM.gov. If any information is incorrect, the system will reject the application with errors. Please contact the grants.gov helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 as they will be able to better assist you, if you experience this issue.

4. Question:

Can you point us to the best, most current DOS brief describing the concepts, principles, and approaches to Culture of Law programming?

Answer:

Please review the following:

In support of the Merida Pillar IV initiative to build strong and resilient communities, the Culture of Lawfulness (CoL) Program seeks to instill a sense of individual responsibility to uphold the rule of law in Mexico, with the larger goal of reducing insecurity, crime, and corruption. Some of the objectives are:

- **Empower citizens to engage effectively with government to promote positive change in their communities.**
- **Increase government transparency and reduce corruption in support of long term efforts to reduce crime and violence and strengthen Mexico's rule of law.**
- **Support sustainable, long-term culture changes in society that supports CoL principles.**

The CoL program does this by promoting individual citizen participation, increasing government transparency, strengthening Mexican civil society, and creating incentives for public servants to behave lawfully; by working with key sectors of society such as public servants, civil society, youth, and centers of moral authority such as religious and community leaders.

The above in the understanding that a CoL exists in a society when the majority of its people believe in and acts in accordance with the rule of law. Individuals understand the importance of their participation in helping to create, oversee, and respect the laws that govern them. They become empowered, recognizing that no person or institution is above the law – including government officials and local elites. Where a culture of lawfulness exists, the majority of citizens act on the conviction that the rule of law offers the best long-term chance of securing their rights and attaining their goals.

A culture of lawfulness guides citizens' relationships with one another and with the state. It can fundamentally alter the dynamics of state institutions, making them more efficient, effective, and just. Lawless behavior, including corruption, is marginalized as more citizens begin to defend the rule of law and act according to its principles. Law enforcement and justice sector efforts to fight serious crime and corruption are reinforced by ordinary citizens who report crimes, serve as witness, and act as a check against corrupt or abusive practices, holding their government accountable for upholding the rule of law and respecting human rights.

For additional information on Culture of Lawfulness programs with the Department of State, please go to www.state.gov.

5. Question:

Do the Budget and Budget Narrative sections of the proposal application count against the 10 page proposal limit? Or are these two sections to be considered "Attachments"?

Answer:

No, the budget and budget narrative sections are separate required documents and does not count again the 10-page proposal limit. They are not considered as attachments but as additional required documents for the application submission.

6. Question:

I am interested in downloading and reading the documents of instructions and application related to Culture of Lawfulness in Mexico funding, however I have only been able to download the instructions package. I have the last Adobe version and that does not seem to be the problem, can

you please help me? Can you please provide the application package? Or, can you please, guide me to access the application?

Answer:

You are required to have Adobe Acrobat Pro to download the application package. Please contact the grants.gov helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 as they will be able to better assist you, if you continue to have issues with downloading documents.

7. Question:

I would appreciate if you could tell me where I can find the Proposal Submission Instructions.

Answer:

The proposal submission instructions are located under the Full Announcement Tab within the INL grant opportunity. See snapshot below.

VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY



INL-15-GR-0001-WHPMEXICO-10062014
Annual Program Statement - Enhance Culture of Lawfulness (CoL) in Mexico
Department of State
International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair

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Announcement Group		Description	File Type
Full Announcement		Zip of All Attachments	ZIP
Full Announcement		Full Announcement	PDF
Other Supporting Documents - INL Sample Budget Template		INL Sample Budget Template	XLSX
Other Supporting Documents - INL Sample Budget Template		Zip of All Attachments	ZIP
Other Supporting Documents - Proposal Submission Instructions		Zip of All Attachments	ZIP
Other Supporting Documents - Proposal Submission Instructions		Proposal Submission Instructions	PDF
Other Supporting Documents - Sample M&E Plan Template		Sample M&E Plan Template	DOCX
Other Supporting Documents - Sample M&E Plan Template		Zip of All Attachments	ZIP

8. Question:

As stated in the overview for CFDA number 19.703 - Counter-narcotics:... *proposal packages must be received by 11:59 pm EST on the 1st of every other month starting December 1, 2014 through October 1, 2015 via www.grants.gov*. Therefore, proposals are not to be submitted any other day of the month, only on the 1st day of every other month starting on December 1, 2014. Please clarify.

Answer:

Proposal submissions must be submitted by the December 1, 2014, 11:59pm deadline and then every over month thereafter. We will not pull applications until the day after the deadline, December 2, 2014. If you submit an application prior to December 1, your application will be pulled with the first batch of applications. On the next deadline (February 1, 2015), INL will follow the same procedure for applications received between December 2, 2014 through February 1, 2015 at 11:59pm. This will continue until INL selects the maximum number of proposals for this program OR once all of the funding has been committed for this program, whichever happens first.