

**Questions and Answers for  
Criminal Investigators Technical Assistance and Certification  
INL22CA0014-WHPMEX-CRIMINVTRNG-121321  
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**Question #1:**

Regarding the eligible Applicant Types. Is it only for Mexican organizations that are foreign based, or national based Mexican non-profits can apply as well?

**INL Response #1:**

Yes. Mexican nonprofit organizations are considered as “Foreign-based (Mexican) non-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs)”

**Question #2:**

Section C., Eligibility Information for the referenced NOFO states that: “The following organizations are eligible to apply: • Foreign-based (Mexican) non-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs)”

Can INL clarify what it considers to be Foreign-based Mexican non-profit/NGOs?

**INL Response #2:**

Mexican nonprofit organizations are considered as “Foreign-based (Mexican) non-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs)”

**Question #3:**

Section A, page 5 item 1 – “Mexico: relevant federal and states actors”.

What exactly is the goal of every state that they wish to accomplish? Is there an area in specific that they need the provider to focus? Is there a particular need to address in different states or do you want a general concept that applies to all Federal and State actors?

**INL Response #3:**

First question: The goals of the states are to improve investigations and prosecution rates. Proposals should identify potential areas for improvement. Depending on the states, the solutions will likely need to be adjusted but core concepts should be generally applied.

Second question: Yes, please refer to project goals and objectives, Section A, page 5, items 2 and 3.

Third question: Certain concepts are general and apply to federal and state actors; however, the

Technical Assistance component of the project will need to address particular needs at the federal and state level.

**Question #4:**

Due to the technical in nature of the proposal contents, would you accept a Spanish version?

**INL Response #4:**

No. All documents included in the application submission must be in English, and budget should be provided in U.S. dollars.

**Question #5:**

Would you consider a 30-day extension?

**INL Response #5:**

No.

**Question #6:**

Other Eligibility Requirements (page 8, item 3) “Organizations may form a consortium and submit a combined proposal; however, one organization should be designated as the lead applicant and the other organization(s) listed as sub-recipient partner(s)”

When submitting a joint proposal when you mention consortium does that include private companies? What exactly do you mean by consortium?

**INL Response #6:**

A consortium consists of two or more organizations which together will implement the project. The main applicant (grantee) and sub-applicant(s) (sub-grantee(s)) must be nonprofit organizations.

**Question #7:**

In objective 3, when you say, "Increase the use of state judicially authorized communications intercept investigations", what do you expect? increase the number of requests?

**INL Response #7:**

We expect state AGO's to increase their request for, and use of, judicially authorized communications intercepts (i.e., warrants), especially when conducting high-impact criminal investigations.