

Questions and Answers – April 25, 2019-
Criminal Justice and Litigation Skill Building: Supporting Consolidation of Mexico's
Accusatorial Criminal Justice System (ACJS)
INL19GR0029-WHP-MexLitigationSkills-0322

1. Objective 1 states: "Provide three forty-hour litigation workshops in Spanish to Mexican law professors and students of major Mexican public law schools." Can the Department of State clarify whether this means three workshops for professors and three workshops for students (6 total) or whether Objective 1 asks for three workshops total over the life of the program?

This means three 40-hour workshops for professors and students combined for each year of the award. So if the award is for three years, then there would be nine workshops in total (three per year).

2. The objectives on page 5 refer to a determined number of beneficiaries and/or events. Is this a set number or could the number be larger than that? If so, is there any limit to the number of events, participants or beneficiaries?

The number could be larger. There is no limit to the number of events, participants or beneficiaries. However, the expected target is approximately 160 law professors and 80 students per year for the workshops.

3. With regards to eligibility. Does a voluntary association of US Local Governments comply with this? In this case, I am referring to an organization that is defined as a Political Subdivision of a State.

As noted on page 1 of the Notice of Funding opportunity, only the following orgs are eligible to apply:

1. U.S. not-for-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) subject to section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code
2. or U.S.-based educational institutions subject to section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code;
3. foreign not-for-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
4. and lastly foreign based educational institutions.

Please also refer to page 9 for additional eligibility requirements.

4. In the same reasoning as the previous question. Would a regional or local Law Enforcement Academy comply with the requirement for eligibility?

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5. Does a Non Profit that is focused on enhancing energy partnerships with Mexico, comply with these requirements?

To qualify for this NOFO, the following expertise (as noted on page 9 of the NOFO) are required along with the eligibility above:

- Applicants must have demonstrated experience implementing similar education or capacity building programs, preferably in Mexico. INL reserves the right to request additional background information on organizations that do not have previous experience administering similar programs and/or federal grant awards.
- Applicants must have the ability to produce course materials, deliver training, and conduct evaluations in Spanish and English. The applicant's staff should be proficient in English in order to fulfill reporting requirements.
- Applicants must have existing, or the capacity to develop, active partnerships with stakeholders in order to successfully carry out the proposed program.
- Organizations may form a consortium and submit a combined proposal. However, one organization should be designated as the lead applicant and other members as sub-award partners.
- Applicants must be able to respond to the NOFO and be able to mobilize in a short period of time.

6. Does a Non Profit focused on Border Trade and Security Comply with these requirements?

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7. Is the vetting process established in page 8, for non-public servants who are teachers, professors or students required? If so, the 60 days time frame will be established in the final agreement?
- Leahy vetting does not apply to teachers, professors or students.**