

similar projects being conducted in the region and how the submitted proposal will complement them.

Applicant/Organization Criteria

Organizations applying for a grant should meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. public or private non-profit organization meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3). Applicants must submit proof of its non-profit status in the application at the time of submission.
- Have demonstrated experience administering successful projects in the region in which it is proposing to administer a project.
- Have existing, or the capacity to develop, active partnerships with in-country organization(s).

Note: Organizations are welcome to submit more than one proposal, but should know that DRL wishes to reach out to as many different organizations as possible with its limited funds.

Budget Guidelines

Please refer to the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI) for complete budget guidelines and formatting instructions.

Deadline for Proposals

All proposals must be received at the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Wednesday, May 21, 2003. Please refer to the PSI for specific delivery instructions.

Review Process

The Bureau will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the PSI. Eligible proposals will be subject to compliance with Federal and Bureau regulations and guidelines and forwarded to Bureau grant panels for advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements.

Review Criteria

Eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. Further explanation of these criteria is included in the PSI. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation: quality of the program idea; program planning and ability to achieve program objectives; multiplier effect/impact; institution's record/ability/capacity; cost-effectiveness.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL/PHD). Please specify Cathy Stump 202-647-3322 on all inquiries and correspondence.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

To Download a Solicitation Package Via Internet

The Solicitation Package includes this RFP plus the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI) which contains detailed award criteria, specific budget instructions, and standard guidelines for proposal preparation. The entire RFP and PSI may be downloaded from the HRDF section on the Bureau's Web site at <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/>.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements. Final technical authority for assistance awards resides with the Office of Acquisition Management's Grants Officer.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular for Onboard Recording of Data Communications in Crash-Survivable Memory

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on a revised proposed Advisory Circular (AC) for onboard data recording. The proposed AC establishes an acceptable means, but not the only means, to provide airborne capability for onboard recording of voice and data link messages in crash-survivable memory.

DATES: We must receive comments on the proposed AC on or before May 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionics Systems Branch, AIR-130, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20025. ATTN: Mr. Gregory Frye. Or, deliver comments to the address listed above to Suite 4102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory Frye, Avionics Systems Branch, AIR-130, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, AIR-130, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 4102, Washington, DC 20025; Telephone (202) 385-4630; Fax (202) 385-4651. E-mail comments to: Gregory.E.Frye@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

You are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments to the above specified address. You may examine comments we have received on the proposed AC before and after the comment closing date, in the FAA's office located at 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 4102, Washington, DC 20025, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Director, Aircraft Certification Service, will consider all communications received on or before the closing date before issuing the final AC.

Background

The rapid expansion of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Communications, Navigation, Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) concepts have resulted in new technologies which make judicious