

implementing education programs for child laborers or children at risk in the countries of interest is eligible to apply. Partnerships of more than one organization are also eligible, and applicants are strongly encouraged to work with organizations already undertaking projects in the countries of interest, particularly local NGOs and faith based organizations. (All applicants are requested to complete the Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (OMB No. 1225-0083), which is available online at <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/grants/education/sga0305/bkgrdSGA0305.htm>.) In the case of partnerships, a lead organization to sign the agreement must be identified. The capability of an applicant or applicants to perform necessary aspects of this solicitation will be determined under Section V.B Rating Criteria and Selection.

Please note that eligible grant applicants must not be classified under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(4) entity. See 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4). According to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended by 2 U.S.C. 1611, an organization, as described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that engages in lobbying activities will not be eligible for the receipt of federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan.

B. Submission of Applications

One (1) blue ink-signed original, complete application in English plus two (2) copies (in English) of the application, must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5416, Washington, DC 20210, not later than 4:45 p.m. eastern time, June 20, 2003. Applicants may submit applications for one or more countries. In the case where an applicant is interested in applying for a grant in more than one country, a separate application must be submitted for each country.

The application must consist of two (2) separate parts. Part I of the application must contain the Standard Form (SF) 424, "Application for Federal Assistance" and sections A-F of the Budget Information Form SF 424A, available from ILAB's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/grants/education/sga0305/bkgrdSGA0305.htm>. Copies of these forms are also available online from the GSA Web site at [http://contacts.gsa.gov/webforms.nsf/0/B835648D66D1B8F985256A72004C58C2/\\$file/sf424.pdf](http://contacts.gsa.gov/webforms.nsf/0/B835648D66D1B8F985256A72004C58C2/$file/sf424.pdf) and [http://contacts.gsa.gov/webforms.nsf/0/5AEB1FA6FB3B832385256A72004C8E77/\\$file/](http://contacts.gsa.gov/webforms.nsf/0/5AEB1FA6FB3B832385256A72004C8E77/$file/)

Sf424a.pdf. Part II must contain a technical application that demonstrates capabilities in accordance with the Statement of Work (section IV.A) and Rating Criteria (section V.B).

To be considered responsive to this solicitation, the application must consist of the above-mentioned separate sections not to exceed 45 single-sided (8-1/2" x 11"), double-spaced, 10 to 12 pitch typed pages for each country, following the format presented in the Statement of Work (section V.B Rating Criteria and Selection). This requirement includes a project document submitted in the format shown in Appendix A. *Any applications that do not conform to these standards may be deemed non-responsive to this solicitation and may not be evaluated.* Standard forms and attachments are *not* included in the page limit. Each application must include a table of contents and an abstract summarizing the application in not more than two (2) pages. These pages are also *not* included in the page limits.

The individual signing the SF 424 on behalf of the Applicant must be authorized to bind the Applicant.

C. Acceptable Methods of Submission

The grant application package must be received at the designated place by the date and time specified or it will not be considered. Any application received at Procurement Services Center after 4:45 p.m. eastern time, June 20, 2003, will not be considered unless it is received before the award is made and:

1. It is determined by the government that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by government after receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor at the address indicated;

2. It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before June 20, 2003; or

3. It was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5 p.m. at the place of mailing two (2) working days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, prior to June 20, 2003.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by registered or certified mail is the U.S. Postal Service postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. If the postmark is not legible, an application received after the above closing time and date shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (not a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been applied and affixed by an

employee of the U.S. Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, applicants should request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation "bull's-eye" postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the Post Office receiving clerk on the "Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee" label and the postmark on the envelope or wrapper on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. "Postmark" has the same meaning as defined above. Therefore, applicants should request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation "bull's-eye" postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor is the date/time stamp of the Procurement Service Center on the application wrapper or other documentary evidence or receipt maintained by that office.

Applications sent by e-mail, telegram, or facsimile (FAX) will not be accepted. Applications sent by other delivery services, such as Federal Express, UPS, etc., will be accepted, however the applicant bears the responsibility for timely submission. Confirmation of receipt can be made with Lisa Harvey, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, telephone (202) 693-4570 (this is not a toll-free-number) or e-mail: harvey.lisa@dol.gov.

D. Funding Levels

Up to U.S. \$16 million is available under this solicitation, with up to \$5 million for Brazil, up to \$3 million for Cambodia, up to \$2 million for Benin, up to \$3 million for Burkina Faso, and up to \$3 million for Mali. USDOL may award one or more grants to one, several, or a partnership of more than one organization which may apply to implement the program. Any subcontractor must be approved by USDOL.

E. Program Duration

The duration of the projects funded by this SGA is for four (4) years. The start date of program activities will be negotiated upon awarding of the grant, but no later than September 30, 2003.

III. Background and Program Scope

A. USDOL Support of Global Elimination of Child Labor

The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimated that 211 million