

p.m. (Eastern Time) at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Application forms will not be mailed. They are published as part of this **Federal Register** notice and in the **Federal Register**, which may be obtained from your nearest U.S. Government office or public library or online at http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/index.html.

Applications must be delivered to: U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5416, Attention: Lisa Harvey, Reference: SGA 03-19, Washington, DC 20210.

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; the applicant, however, bears the responsibility for timely submission. Applications that do not meet the conditions set forth in this notice will not be honored. No exceptions to the mailing and delivery requirements set forth in this notice will be granted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Harvey, e-mail address: harvey.lisa@dol.gov, tel: (202) 693-4570 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The expansion of global trade and investment and the improvement of working conditions and protection of basic worker rights are best understood as mutually reinforcing, and not mutually exclusive objectives. In today's environment of widespread market reforms and economic integration, efficient and fair labor markets are a prerequisite for economic growth, increasing living standards, and promoting employment in the U.S. As political developments, market reforms, and the transition to a global economy bring significant changes to national economies, individual labor market systems need to change accordingly to remain viable and to support their populations. In addition, the inability to manage the development of a relatively open market economy during periods of political and social transition impedes the development of political democracy, social cohesion, and equity.

USDOL/ILAB carries out a worldwide International Cooperation Program that helps address some of these difficulties by working to ensure that the greatest possible number of workers benefit from a more open world economy. The three major initiatives of the International Cooperation Program are:

Improving Economic Opportunity and Income Security for Workers (EOIS)—Under the EOIS initiative, USDOL

works to strengthen developing countries' abilities to build and institutionalize social safety net policies and programs needed to improve working conditions and foster economic growth. Projects under this initiative aim to increase employment among targeted groups, improve workplace safety and health, and increase access to social insurance.

Protecting the Basic Rights of Workers (PBRW)—Under the PBRW initiative, USDOL works to implement the fundamental principles embodied in the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, specifically working towards strengthening the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining, eliminating forced or compulsory labor, and eliminating employment discrimination.

International HIV/AIDS Workplace-based Education Program (IHWEPP)—Under the IHWEPP initiative, USDOL works to reduce the rate of HIV/AIDS infection through workplace-based prevention and education programs and to improve the workplace environment for workers living with HIV/AIDS. The IHWEPP program also works to build the capacity of the tripartite partners to address the long-term impact of HIV/AIDS on labor markets and economic development.

USDOL/ILAB manages its projects in partnership with stakeholders representing the government, employers, workers, and other organizations.

I. Authority

ILAB is authorized to award and administer this program by the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, Pub. L. 108-7, 117 Stat. 11 (2003).

II. Application Process

A. Eligible Applicants

Any commercial, international, educational, or not-for-profit organization (including faith-based organizations) which has experience in trade union skills training, knowledge of the international trade union movement, experience working with the Colombian government, and Colombian worker and employer organizations, and/or has experience working with U.S. domestic trade unions is eligible for this grant(s). Partnerships of more than one organization are also eligible although in such a case a lead organization must be identified. The capability of an applicant, partners, and co-applicants to perform necessary aspects of this solicitation will be determined under

Section XI—Review and Selection of Applications for Award. All applicants are requested to complete the Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (OMB No. 1225-0083) (see Appendix A).

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 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, no later than 4:45 p.m. Eastern Time on the established due date. To aid with review of applications, USDOL also encourages applicants to submit three (3) additional paper copies of the application (five total). Applicants who do not provide additional copies will not be penalized.

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 (see Appendix A). These forms are also available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>. Part II must contain a technical proposal that demonstrates capabilities in accordance with the statement of work (Section III) and the selection criteria (Section XI).

To be considered responsive to this solicitation, the application must consist of the above-mentioned separate sections not to exceed 40 single-sided (8½" x 11" or A4), double-spaced, 12-point font, typed pages for which a response is submitted. Major sections and sub-sections of the application should be divided and clearly identified (e.g. 8, with tab dividers), and all pages shall be numbered. Applicants are required to propose that a project address ALL of the project objectives identified in the Statement of Work in Section III. Any applications that do not conform to these standards may be deemed non-responsive to this solicitation and may not be evaluated. The application must include a table of contents and an abstract summarizing the application in not more than two (2) pages. Standard forms, attachments,