

local community and faith-based organizations to sustain their activities through the provision of training in the areas of business development, administration, and finance.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, August 22, 2003. Applications must be received by 4:45 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 03-11, 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: USDOL/ILAB carries out a worldwide International Cooperation Program that helps 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 (IHWEP)—Under the IHWEP 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 IHWEP 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).

Legal rules that apply to faith-based organizations that receive government funds: The government is prohibited from directly funding religious activity*. These grants may not be used for religious instruction, worship, prayer, proselytizing or other inherently religious practices. Neutral, non-religious criteria that neither favor nor disfavor religion must be employed in the selection of grant recipients.

*The term "direct" funding is used to describe Federal funds that are provided directly by a governmental entity or an intermediate organization, as opposed to funds that an organization receives as the result of the genuine and independent private choice of a beneficiary. In other contexts, the term "direct" funding may be used to refer to those funds that an organization receives directly from the Federal government (also known as "discretionary" funding), as opposed to funding that it receives from a State or local government (also known as "indirect" or "block grant" funding). In this SGA, the term "direct" has the former meaning.

II. Application Process

A. Eligible Applicants

For the purposes of this announcement, "intermediaries" are defined as those non-profit, community, and/or faith-based organizations with existing connections to Ugandan-based, grassroots, faith-based, and/or community organizations working in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and mitigation. These intermediary

organizations must possess strong financial and grant management skills and the ability to mentor and strengthen the capacity of Ugandan non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to effectively respond to HIV/AIDS in Uganda. The intermediary is expected to issue sub-contracts to non-profit grassroots organizations which:

- Have social services as a major part of their mission;
- Have a total annual operating budget of \$150,000 or less; and
- Possess or have the capacity to adopt sufficient administrative and financial controls to ensure proper management of the sub-contracted funds.

The U.S. Department of Labor will determine whether Ugandan NGOs have met the criteria and are eligible to be sub-contracted under this grant.

The Ministry of Labor will serve as the primary government contact for the project in Uganda. However, the Grantee may also elect to work with other government agencies that are addressing HIV/AIDS. Partnerships of more than one organization are also eligible to apply for these funds, although in such a case a lead organization must be identified. The capabilities of applicants, partners, and co-applicants to perform necessary aspects of this solicitation will be determined according to the criteria identified in Section XI. All applicants are requested to complete the Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (OMB No. 1225-0083) (see Appendix A).

Please note that to be eligible, grant applicants classified under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(4) entity (see 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4)), may not engage in lobbying activities. 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 shall 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, Applicants may submit three (3) additional paper copies of the application (five total). Applicants who do not provide additional copies will not be penalized.