

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Combating Exploitative Child Labor by Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Educational Opportunities for Children in Jordan

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Correction. Amendment to SGA 10-10.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor is publishing an amendment to SGA 10-10 *Combating Exploitative Child Labor by Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Educational Opportunities for Children in Jordan* on Grants.gov and the USDOL website. The solicitation was originally published on Grants.gov and the USDOL website on October 6, 2010.

Amendments:

- On page 8, Section III. A.1.a., delete the following sentence from the education section:

“Applicants must develop a package of that supports children’s access to education and training opportunities and that promote improved livelihoods of their households, in order to.”

Replace with the sentence:

“Applicants must develop a package of services that supports children’s access to education and training opportunities and that promotes improved livelihoods of their households, in order to.”
- On page 9, Section III. A.1.a., delete the following sentence from the education section:

“However, USDOL encourages Applicants to provide, including direct educational services and training, to as many beneficiaries as possible, within the first year of the project.”

Replace with the sentence:

“However, USDOL encourages Applicants to provide services, including direct educational services and training, to as many beneficiaries as possible, within the first year of the project.”

- On page 11, Section III.A.2., delete language in section 2. *Strengthening Policies and Capacity on Child Labor, Education, and Sustainable Livelihoods* and replace with the following:

“USDOL considers strengthening country capacity to combat exploitative child labor and promote quality education and other sustainable livelihood strategies in Jordan as critical for achieving long-term impact in this effort. USDOL is intending to fund a \$2 million project by December 31, 2010 through ILO-IPEC that will seek to address many of these policy issues. USDOL aims to improve country capacity in Jordan through its IPEC funded project by contributing to the: 1) harmonization of Jordan’s legal frameworks with international standards related to child labor, 2) mainstreaming of child labor issues into specific policies or programs at the national, regional, or sectoral level, 3) expansion of child labor concerns in relevant national development policy frameworks, and 4) establishment and/or improvement of a child labor monitoring system (CLMS).

As such, Applicants are not required to propose policy and capacity building interventions in the four areas outlined in the paragraph above, but, after award, must coordinate their work with IPEC to ensure coherence and to avoid duplication of policy and capacity building interventions that aim to address child labor and its root causes in Jordan. Projects funded under this solicitation are encouraged to propose strategies to strengthen the capacity of local Jordanian institutions that the project works with to combat child labor. To the extent feasible, projects should work with the Government of Jordan towards the elimination of the costs associated with schooling, which often create a barrier to education in Jordan. Projects funded under this solicitation are also encouraged to

strengthen the capacity of local institutions to promote access to and improve quality of basic education. Applicants are encouraged to promote policies that seek to ensure local education systems are responsive to the needs of children formerly engaged in exploitative child labor and that actively support their school entry/return and regular attendance. Applicants should also consider strategies to address the relevance of education, including the long term payoff of education in providing school graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to acquire quality jobs upon completion of their studies. Applicants are encouraged to partner with business to create new jobs, and provide seed capital for youth to start their own business, including working with religious organizations to do so.

Applicants should consider strengthening local mechanisms to enforce Jordan's child labor and education laws and propose creative ideas that address the nexus between better law enforcement, the reduction of exploitative child labor, and the improvement of educational opportunities and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods for children and households.”

- On page 18, Section III.F., delete the following sentence from the applicant package section:

“All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on November 5, 2010 via Grants.gov or hardcopy.”

Replace with the sentence:

“All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on November 24, 2010 via Grants.gov or hardcopy.”

- On page 26, Section III.G., remove the sentence from the Submission Date, Time, Address, and Delivery Method section:

“Attention: Georgiette Nkpa, Reference: Solicitation 10-10. Applicants are advised to submit their applications in advance of the deadline.”

Replace with the sentence:

“Attention: James Kinslow, Reference: Solicitation 10-10. Applicants are advised to submit their applications in advance of the deadline.”

- On page 27, Section III.G., remove the sentence from the Submission Date, Time, Address, and Delivery Method section:

“Confirmation of receipt can be obtained from Georgiette Nkpa (See section VI. for contact information).”

Replace with the sentence:

“Confirmation of receipt can be obtained from James Kinslow (See section VI. for contact information).”

- On page 28, Section III.H., remove the sentence from the Funding Restrictions, Unallowable Activities, and Specific Prohibitions section:

“If any Applicant has questions regarding these or other restrictions, please e-mail Georgiette Nkpa at nkpa.georgiette@dol.gov.”

Replace with the following point of contact:

“If any Applicant has questions regarding these or other restrictions, please e-mail [James Kinslow at kinslow.james@dol.gov](mailto:kinslow.james@dol.gov).”

- On page 30, Section III.H.10., delete the sentence from the inherently religious activities section:

“For additional guidance, please consult USDOL’s Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives’ Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci>.”

Replace with the sentence:

“For additional guidance, please consult USDOL’s Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/cfbnp/>.”

- On page 31, Section IV.A., delete the following sentence in the application evaluation criteria section:

“The criteria outlined below will be used to evaluate applications submitted in response to this solicitation on the basis of 100 points, with up to a possible 5 extra points.”

Replace with the sentence:

“The criteria outlined below will be used to evaluate applications submitted in response to this solicitation on the basis of 100 points.”

- On page 31, Section IV.A.1., delete the sentence from the project design and budget section:

“Low administrative costs and amount of resources to direct services (*e.g.*, direct educational and livelihoods services) are preferred.”

Replace with the sentence:

“Low administrative costs and higher amounts of resources to direct services (*e.g.*, direct educational and livelihoods services) are preferred.”

- On page 36, Section VI., remove the sentence from the agency contacts section:

“All technical questions regarding this solicitation (SGA 10-10) must be sent in writing to Georgiette Nkpa, U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Procurement Services, via e-mail (e-mail address: nkpa.georgiette@dol.gov).”

Replace with the sentence:

“All technical questions regarding this solicitation (SGA 10-10) must be sent in writing to James Kinslow, U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Procurement Services, via e-mail (e-mail address: kinslow.james@dol.gov).”

- On page 36, Section VII.A., remove the sentence from the Office of Management and Budget Information Collection section:

“In the USDOL Office of Procurement Services, attention: Georgiette Nkpa (e-mail: nkpa.georgiette@dol.gov; phone: (202) 693-4570—please note that this is not a toll-free number).

Replace with the sentence:

“In the USDOL Office of Procurement Services, attention: James Kinslow (e-mail: kinslow.james@dol.gov; phone: (202) 693-4583 (please note that this is not a toll-free number).”

AGENCY CONTACTS:

All inquiries regarding SGA 10-10 or this Amendment to SGA 10-10 should be directed to: Mr. James Kinslow, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4307, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-4583 (please note that this is not a toll-free-number) or e-mail: kinslow.james@dol.gov.