

**Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
Supplemental Justification**

Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification

This request seeks OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for a Cooperative Agreement (SCA). The Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) will award up to \$10,000,000 for multiple cooperative agreements to organizations to implement impact evaluations (IEs) with the goal of expanding the evidence base on child labor and forced labor. Applications will propose randomized control trial (RCT) impact evaluations that address key evidence gaps regarding child labor or forced labor program interventions in the areas outlined in this solicitation, and must leverage partnerships with implementing organizations to build upon existing or planned interventions and/or impact evaluations, or secure separate funding for the intervention(s) itself. Funding through this cooperative agreement may only be used to fund RCT impact evaluation design, implementation, analysis and dissemination, and may not be used to fund projects or interventions.

This announcement will solicit applications from eligible organizations. Eligible Applicants may include any commercial, international, educational, or non-profit organization(s), including any faith-based, community-based, or public international organization(s), capable of successfully conducting randomized control trials (and partnering with implementing organizations, if applicable). Sub-grants may be made to academics or academic institutions.

Applications will include the following information collections: 1) Form SF-424 “Application for Federal Assistance” and Form SF-424A, separately cleared under OMB control number 4040-0004; 2) Technical Proposal; 3) Cost Proposal; and 4) Attachments to the Technical Proposal and Cost Proposal.

Electronic availability:

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 90 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of confidentiality:

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances:

This SCA implicates no special circumstances.

Burden:

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 10 applications from an equal number of respondents. ILAB estimates public reporting burden for the information collection to average 40 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

10 applications x 40 hours =400 hours.

The DOL has increased the May 2014, average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$29.11 by 40 percent (total \$40.75) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—July 2014*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_08012014.pdf at 32.

400 hours x \$40.75 = \$16,300.

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection.

Total burden: 10 respondents, 10 responses, 400 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.