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           and Economic Prosperity in Artificial Intelligence, SFOP008191

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The Directorate of International Communications and Information Policy (CIP) at the
Department of State announces this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to conduct a series
of regional workshops on artificial intelligence (AI) technologies and their policy implications to
government officials, policymakers, researchers, and emerging leaders and influencers in the
field of artificial intelligence in their respective ESF-eligible countries. These individuals will
likely be in positions that enable, regulate, and oversee policy on artificial intelligence in their
countries, including for example, regulators, policymakers, ministry officials, academic
researchers, and leaders from private industry. Emerging leaders and influencers may be
academic leaders, skilled graduate students in computer science, artificial intelligence and
emerging technologies or cybersecurity, civil society, business or trade association leaders and
other professionals that have, or are growing into, influential positions in their respective
countries. The project award will support travel expenses for government officials to attend
international fora on artificial intelligence technologies and policies. It will also provide limited
targeted technical assistance to select countries to aide in the development of national strategies,
plans, or regulations relating to AI.

The key activities of this project include:
- Design and implement a minimum 3-4 regional workshops (hybrid of virtual and in-
  person) on AI topics (e.g., "Promoting Responsible AI") to increase the understanding of
  policymakers and other local stakeholders on AI technologies, their applications,
  social/economic/ethical and human rights implications, and international norms and best
  practices (i.e., the OECD Principles for Trustworthy AI and the Global Partnership on
  AI). Workshops will feature local and global expert speakers from the private sector,
  academia, civil society, the OECD/GPAI, and likeminded partners.
- Provide travel assistance to eligible country officials to attend key global AI events. This
  will bring a range of less heard voices into global discussions on AI, especially at U.S.-
  preferred venues that incorporate strong private sector participation.
- Workshops should be conducted between now and the end of 2022, to coincide with the
  OECD Digital Economy Ministerial and the GPAI Summit (held annually).

- Workshops could be hosted at regional locations (COVID restrictions allowing) for in-person participation with regional participants and, if necessary, virtual participation by experts. An in-country coordinator would facilitate the in-person meeting.
- Provide targeted technical assistance to assist a targeted group of countries that are developing strategies, policies, or regulations related to trustworthy AI.

Funding agency will make 1 award. Sponsor deadline is 11:59 PM EST on **July 21, 2021**. Questions related to the call must be received by the agency by 11:59 PM EST on **July 9, 2021**. Notification of winning proposal is expected by mid-August 2021. More information can be found in the funding announcement at, https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=334044.

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one proposal. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Friday, June 25, 2021, to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: DOS SFOP0008191- your name. The pre-proposal should include a description of the project idea which demonstrates the applicant's knowledge of the policy topics, a work plan of proposed project activities, and a project management and evaluation plan. The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV.**

No late submissions will be considered.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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