



From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Development of Information Technology (IT) and Cybersecurity Fundamentals Course Curriculum (SFOP0007975)

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UNM Researchers,

The Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP) Office of Regional and Security Policy (RSP) at the U.S. Department of State (DOS), announces this Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) for the development of a general education course curriculum on information technology and cybersecurity fundamentals, which would be accessible to students, young professionals, and the general public. The curriculum will publicly advertised and shared, royalty-free, to qualifying universities and educational institutions located in economic support fund (ESF) eligible countries within the Indo-Pacific region.

A cooperative agreement for up to \$691,358 will be awarded for work that will support the development of a general education-level curriculum on information technology and cybersecurity fundamentals to address the cyber workforce development gaps that currently exist within the Indo-Pacific region. Funds may also be used to support translation of curriculum and materials, conduct engagements with regional universities, organizations, governments, and industry stakeholders found within the Indo-Pacific region, as well as to provide support to build the capacity of universities and organizations interested in adopting this curriculum. Applicants should include an anticipated start date between August and September 2021 and the period of performance should be 36 months.

The applicant will only provide direct assistance under the cooperative agreement to the following countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma*(subject to the vetting requirements), Cambodia*, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Palau*, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Vietnam. Priority countries will be determined upon consultation with U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of East Asian Pacific Affairs (EAP), but applicants should include in their proposal at least one country from the ASEAN region (Burma*, Cambodia*, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam) and at least one Pacific Island country (Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau*, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu).

Cost sharing is not required, but if included, written records to support all allowable costs that are claimed as its contribution to cost-share, as well as costs to be paid by the Federal government must be maintained. More information can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=333162>.

The deadline for proposals to the sponsor is June 28, 2021 with questions to the sponsor due by June 18, 2021.

This is a limited competition. Applicants are only allowed to submit **one proposal per organization**. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to either program, please email a statement of interest with a tentative title, a brief project description (200 words), and names and departments of all senior personnel by **noon, Monday, May 17, 2021** to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: **DOS_EAP - your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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