



The e-Government Grants Program

Guidelines for Expressions of Interest

This Request for Expressions of Interest (EoI) is for Phase I - Identification of the Development Gateway's e-Government Grants Program. Expressions of Interest will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are submitted.

The Development Gateway seeks Expressions of Interest that pinpoint e-Government focus areas and/or projects that promote social and economic development and improved governance. Developing countries and countries in transition are invited to apply to improve the performance of a particular area of government through the use of ICT applications.

ELIGIBILITY

- Expressions of Interest can be submitted by government authorities at national level, although in large countries the EoI could be made by lower levels. EoI submitted on behalf of a group of countries may also be considered.
- It is recommended that the EoI submitted by a particular country is sent and managed by one single government agency to be considered as a focal point.
- All countries are eligible to submit Expressions of Interest. Priority will be given to those countries that have already national ICT and e-Government Strategies in place.
- Through a single EoI a country can submit only one project or focus area to the attention of the Development Gateway.

EVALUATION

Expressions of Interest will be evaluated according to the same criteria that will be subsequently used to assess specific e-Government projects, these are: project characteristics, expected impact, demonstrated support, commitment, demonstrated capacity and management effectiveness, scalability, sustainability and replicability, integration with national ICT and e-Government strategies and compatibility with national poverty reduction strategies.

HOW TO APPLY

Expressions of Interest should be submitted including the following two major sections:

1. Cover page to include:
 - Name of organization and country;
 - Type of organization. Indicate whether this is a government, national agency, or other (specify);
 - Title of the proposed e-Government project and/or focus area.
 - Main point of contact -- name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address;

- Alternate contact person -- name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address.
2. Goal and objectives:
- Provide a clear and concise statement (up to 5 pages) about the main goals and specific objectives of the e-Government focus area and/or project proposed to the Development Gateway.

REVIEW PROCESS

The *Program Steering Committee* will evaluate all complete Expressions of Interest and make recommendations to the CEO of the Development Gateway for final approval for the admission to Phase I – Identification and on the assignment of Technical Assistance.

Expressions of Interest will be reviewed periodically as they are submitted. The Development Gateway's decisions will be conveyed in writing to applicants in due course.

The Expression of Interest must be in English, and submitted by email to: egov@dgfoundation.org.

Alternatively, the Expression of Interest may be mailed on a 3.5 inch diskette to:

Development Gateway Foundation
1889 F Street NW, 2nd floor
Washington, DC 20006
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Further information or clarification may be requested from the Development Gateway by writing to egov@dgfoundation.org.