The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals to design and implement a project that will define aspects of human rights documentation overseas, including the development of a toolkit to guide civil society organizations and other stakeholders working in this area. This project will be awarded as a cooperative agreement. The purpose of this award is to:

1. Define the universe of actors, networks and techniques utilized by organizations to document human rights violations, including for accountability, advocacy, educational, and other purpose;
2. Describe which techniques are most effective to achieve which programmatic objectives, and identify overlaps and contradictions;
3. Identify common challenges in documentation work and provide recommendations for strengthening networks, better identifying what organizations on the ground need to be successful, and addressing challenges.
4. Determine and share past successes, failures, and best practices in the human rights documentation process, with particular focus on documentation in line with international norms and standards and support to civil society organizations engaged in documentation efforts.
5. Explore the intersection between human rights documentation and technology, including a mapping of technological resources available for human rights organizations documenting violations, as well as archive, storage, search and analysis tools and some component of digital safety and security.

Given the emphasis on a multi-disciplinary approach and the variety of competencies reflected in this project, successful applicants will likely include a consortium or group of organizations and/or individuals.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
An organization may submit no more than 1 application.

**KEY DATES**
Internal Letter of Intent Due: March 18, 2015 (by midnight)
Sponsor Proposal Due: April 20, 2015
SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in this funding opportunity are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Click here to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-DoS-Toolkit”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6481429_1-t_3pHcKBC0
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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