

Request for Proposals

Legal Orientation Program for Custodians of Unaccompanied Children

Date Due: August 11, 2010, 5:00 p.m. ET

Informational Conference call: July 6, 2010, 4:00 p.m. ET

Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to cooperate with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) to ensure that the custodians of unaccompanied children (UAC) receive a legal orientation presentation administered through the EOIR Legal Orientation Program (LOP). The purpose of the UAC Custodian LOP is to address the custodian's responsibility for the child's appearance at all immigration proceedings and to protect the child from mistreatment, exploitation, and trafficking (TVPRA Section 235(c)(4)).

The Vera Institute of Justice administers the EOIR Legal Orientation Program nationally (currently providing services to 60,000 adults in immigration detention annually) and is looking to contract with an organization that will administer the UAC Custodian LOP nationally. The period of performance begins on September 1, 2010 and lasts 12 months.

It is anticipated that the selected national organization would work through local affiliates or subcontract with local legal services organizations ("local partners") to provide direct services. **This RFP is for the national organization only. The national organization is responsible for identifying and selecting local partners, and including descriptions of how these local partners will provide services, as part of this application.**

To receive application materials and to be advised of any amendments to the RFP, please email cijcoordinator@vera.org indicating that your organization may wish to respond to the RFP and providing the name of your organization, and the name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the organization's point of contact for this RFP. For other questions, contact Stacey Strongarone at sstrongarone@vera.org or 212-376-3074.