Application Requirements: An application package must include OMB Standard Form 425, Application for Federal Assistance; a cover letter that identifies the audit agency responsible for the applicant's financial accounts as well as the audit period or fiscal year that the applicant operates under (e.g., July 1 through June 30); and an outline of projected costs with the budget and strategy narratives described in this announcement. The following additional forms must also be included: OMB Standard Form 424A, Budget Information - Non-construction Programs; OMB Standard Form 424B, Assurances - Non-construction Programs (both available at <u>www.grants.gov</u>); DOJ/FBOP/NIC Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and the Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (available at <u>www.nicic.org/Downloads/PDF/certif-frm.pdf</u>).

Applications should be concisely written, typed doublespaced and reference the NIC Opportunity Number and Title provided in this announcement.

If you are hand delivering or submitting via Fed-Ex, please include an original and three copies of your full proposal (program and budget narrative, application forms, assurances and other descriptions.) The original should have the applicant's signature in blue ink. Electronic submissions will only be accepted via <u>www.grants.gov.</u>

The narrative portion of the application should include, at a minimum: brief paragraph indicating the applicant's understanding of the project's purpose; brief paragraph that summarizes the project goals and objectives; clear description of the methodology that will be used to complete the project and achieve its goals; statement or chart of measurable project milestones and time lines for the completion of each milestone; description of the qualifications of the applicant organization and a resume for the principle and each staff member assigned to the project that documents relevant knowledge, skills and ability to carry out the project; budget that details all costs for the project, and noting a commitment to work within the proposed budget.

The total narrative portion of the application should not exceed ten double-spaced type written pages, excluding attachments related to credentials and relevant experience of staff.