



## **ICAB INVITATION TO TENDER 2009 FOR THE GRANTING OF AID TO LEGAL CO-OPERATION PROJECTS WITH DEVELOPING PEOPLES (0.7%)**

### **1. OBJECT**

The object of this invitation to tender is the granting of aid to projects of a legal nature of international co-operation with developing peoples, coming from the 0.7% allocation of the annual budget of the *Il·lustre Col·legi d'Advocats de Barcelona* (Bar Association of Barcelona).

### **2. RECIPIENTS**

The final recipients of the financial aid of 0.7% of the Bar Association budget must be the most underprivileged sections of society or those hardest hit by situations of long-standing or specific injustice suffered by their country.

### **3. FORMALISATION OF APPLICATIONS**

The invitation to tender will open on **01.05.2009** and will close on **01.06.2009**

Projects must be presented **in Catalan or Spanish** by a Spanish NGO or lawyers' organisation in the General Registry of the *Il·lustre Col·legi d'Advocats de Barcelona* (Bar Association of Barcelona) using the standard form which is available to those interested on the fifth floor (10.00h- 16.00h) of the building located at Calle Mallorca number 283, together with the documentation required, and must be addressed to the *Comisió per a la Cooperació i el Desenvolupament* (0.7%) (Commission for Co-operation and Development (0.7%)) **by e- mail: [allongueras@icab.cat](mailto:allongueras@icab.cat) and al so by registered mail.**

Those interested may have access to the Regulation governing the working of the Commission, the criteria adopted by the Board of Governance for the application of the 0.7% and the rules which supplement these criteria.

#### 4. CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

a. Legal nature. Priority will be given to those projects which affect the democratic development of the legal institutions and instruments of the country receiving the aid, and which contribute to highlighting the social function of the legal profession and its defence of human rights. From among these the Bar Association of Barcelona may give preference to projects presented by Bar Associations from developing countries.

b. Definitive nature. The award will be made to specific programmes which develop particular objectives, for the achieving of which the applicant for the aid must present a viable project which is guaranteed to be carried out.

c. Continuity. Priority will be given to programmes of continuing and regular development which can achieve lasting objectives.

d. Co-operation of NGOs or lawyers' organisations as local counterparties. Support will be given to co-operation projects backed by NGOs or lawyers' organisations which have, in the recipient country, sufficient assistance, human infrastructure and materials to carry them out by way of co-operation with another ONG or lawyers' organisation acting as local counterparty.

e. Budget . It must be specified all the items of the budget as well as the headings of all the relevant expenses.

#### 5. FINANCIAL AWARD

The total amount for this invitation to tender is **150.510,20 €** (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN EUROS AND TWENTY CENTS) from which 100.436,61 euros corresponds to the budget of 2009, 7.700€ from pay back amounts of 2006 and 42.373,59 € from the amount not given from 2007 budget.

#### 6. DECISION

When the projects have been presented the Commission will examine whether they are of interest and their viability and, if appropriate, send a favourable report to the Board of Governance, which will decide in the final resort on the granting or denial of the assistance sought.

## 7. PAYMENT OF AID

Payment of the aid given to legal projects for development co-operation will be made in two instalments:

- a) The first payment of 50% of the total amount of the aid will be made after the signing of the document of acceptance of the aid.
- b) The remaining 50% will be paid when the project follow-up report has been presented, and provided the beneficiary has informed the Bar Association of Barcelona in writing of:
  - a. The effective date of commencement of the project.
  - b. The adaptation of the schedule and the reformulation of the project in accordance with the aid granted.

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ON THE PROJECTS

The Spanish NGOs or organisations whose projects have received finance from the 0.7% of the budget of the Bar Association of Barcelona must present a report to the Board of Governance every six months on the expenses and activities paid for by the Association.

The final report on the project, which will include the statement on activities and the financial background, must be presented within six months of its coming to an end.

In cases of specific aid the statement will be presented once the particular objective for which the aid was granted has been achieved.

The Board of Governance or the delegate commission may if they consider it appropriate ask the NGOs or financial institutions for information on the state of the project.

In any event amounts not used for the purpose for which they were granted must be returned to the Bar Association of Barcelona to be applied to other projects.

Where the counterparty receiving the aid does not properly demonstrate compliance with the objectives referred to in the project a formal demand will be issued for it to do so and, if it fails to comply, the commission may reject any other project which may be presented by the said NGO, directly or by way of third parties, in subsequent invitations to tender.

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