

BAG THE BIG FIVE!

Southwest New Granada Technical Agricultural and Mechanical Community Branch College-Dogwater Campus-

Request For Proposal

We, along with Plato, feel that a name should be fully descriptive of the object- and how can a single syllable or two capture the full import of the advanced educational experience? Especially if it's in a dead language? Those students who graduate with an abbreviated credential from the likes of H, Y, O, C, etc are almost being cheated. We feel that the experience is commensurate with the document and we may be the first institution of higher learning to offer a full two-page diploma, longer than the transcript, something with some heft, something you might be tempted to put a condom on before nailing up.

We feel that this concept should also apply to academic grants. Partnering with long-named institutions which tend to fill the entire top line of the grant form can only be impressive to granting agencies, like CDC, Guggenheim, and Fulbright and which themselves may be suffering from a form of document envy and ivy brain.

Bearing this in mind, if you are an academic, especially in the Social Sciences, we here at SNGTAGCBC-Dogwater have what we feel is a win-win proposition to present to the shorter-named institution community. We here in the southern border region understand that we may lack many factors that grantees focus on in their field work, like great restaurants, five-star hotels and a truly first rate ballet, but there is one thing which we have in abundance and are quite willing to share; the poor and illiterate. The poor may, in fact, be our leading export and we have a long history with the poor and their associated issues. These of course cover the full spectrum of grant subjects for the better short-name New England sociology departments. Partnered with us here at SNGTAGCBC-D we can guarantee you a shot at the whole spectrum, the "Big Five"; basic poverty, communicable (but not *too* communicable) disease, violence (random and scheduled), the current crowd favorite, historical immigration conundra, and as it is quaintly put by the natives, labor issues, or "La Labor".

So now let us imagine you have the big fat grant, or even take it upstream one step and imagine that you merely imagine that you have the BFG. You are after all, H, Y, O, C so that small step to reality should be an easy formality, like getting CCNY out of its panties on a college weekend. But what do you actually propose to do with the BFG, and how can we help you achieve those ends, whatever they may be? We may have some suggestions which will prove advantageous to all parties.

Our fully-trained and experienced operatives will meet your party on arrival and arrange for all translators, gear and amenities as you make your way South, as you cross the boundary, deeper into the heart of dimness, collecting your trophies as you progress. These can be photographic documentation, physical "anthropologic" objects and trinket collection, or "other" (subject only to grant size restrictions). We regret that the actual taking of living specimens or trophy parts thereof is frowned upon by the local authorities and may require substantial further sub-grants to accomplish. But just imagine the splash you'll make at the next seminar or department meeting, with something actually jumping around in a cage under a cover! Just like the good old days of the Golden Age of the 17th Century. It has tenure written all over it.

As you safari further South of the border you will be inducted into secret societies, given secret group names, and participate in various clan activities, marked with mementoes suitable for framing or use as casual desk-top paper weights and primitive objects de art for the discerning collector's townhouse or clubroom. Spent shell casings are an especially cherished keepsake, lending a rakish air to even the most staid academician's inner office. We can arrange for trans-shipment across state and national borders as necessary, further sub-grants sometimes required. After a long afternoon in the field dealing with crushing poverty, draining sores, and glaring ignorance you will have unlimited time for "processing" the experience back at our secure, fully-staffed, full-service, fully-wired bivouacs.

Photographic records will be available to coordinate with your grant proposals, including pictures of you in fields of various crops (upright *and* stoop), primitive operating rooms, and sit-down meetings with quaint ethnic local elder-ish official-looking residents, (sub sub-grants required). And at the end of your memorable time our ex-grant-office staff will write up what you can't remember, assuring a perfect match with your RFP, while you spend protected time on more important activities such as regaling, racontouring, "knocking notes together" out on Block Island or the Vinyard, "speaking", and otherwise dining out on the experience without having to leave the electric radius or even your office again for the next four or five years.

We are prepared to accept and handle earnest money, grant checks, and full payment from our foreign clients in dollars, Euros, rubles, Rinminbi, Rhindi, zlotnies, scheckels and other currencies through our sister-College fiscal offices in the Cayman Islands . Please make formal RFP, including required Grant Evaluation Fees for preliminary consideration through;

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