For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity:

**DRL-09-HRDEFENDERS-102209: Global Human Rights Defenders Emergency Fund Near East, and South Asia**

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State, invites proposal for effective and immediate approaches to disburse small, short-term emergency financial support to human rights defenders and advocates of human rights globally or regionally when the repression or restriction of basic human rights may occur. DRL encourages applicants to submit proposals that include strategies to target all kinds of human rights activists, including those who promote the rights of marginalized populations, including the LGBT community, labor rights activists, and religious rights activists.

The U.S.-based grantee(s) will manage funding for legal representation; medical bills arising from abuse; trial monitoring; transportation costs for prison visitation; appeals; equipment damaged or confiscated by government authorities; day-to-day living expenses when the primary provider is detained, imprisoned or evicted; and other types of emergency needs.

For detailed information on this opportunity ([DRL-09-HRDEFENDERS-102209](#)) please see the full solicitation (attached). Additional opportunities from this agency can be found [here](#).

**It is anticipated that $1.5M to support approximately 1 - 6 awards.** Cost sharing is not required. For full information see the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 11/17/2009**

(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency: 11/24/2009**
If you have any questions regarding this announcement please contact:

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