



## PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY AND CITIZEN ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN LEBANON

### **Attention: Local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)** **Request for Proposals**

The Project to Strengthen the Independence of the Judiciary and Citizen Access to Justice in Lebanon, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is implemented by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in partnership with America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST). The Project is a three-year program to strengthen judicial institutions by increasing judicial independence, improving the capacity of the judiciary through initial and continuing judicial education, modernizing court administration, and supporting citizen access to justice.

This is a REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS from registered Lebanese non-governmental civil society organizations for Project funding for programs that will improve public understanding and engagement with the Lebanese justice system, foster a culture of respect for the rule of law, or promote or strengthen judicial independence. Proposals will be reviewed on a competitive basis. The Project will award grants of \$25,000 each to the top three applicants.

The Project will present a Grants Workshop on November 11, 2008 at the Beirut Bar Association in the Palace of Justice, Beirut, to explain the grants program. Organizations interested in attending the workshop and/or receiving the proposal application package should contact Ms. Lara Barbary at [lbarbary@ncsc-lebanon.com](mailto:lbarbary@ncsc-lebanon.com), telephone 01-202929. The deadline for submitting proposals is December 12, 2008.

The Project reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.