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State, county, and municipal criminal justice agencies across the United States partner with INL to improve the effectiveness of police, justice system, corrections, and maritime security entities around the world. INL partners include police departments, prosecutors, defense attorneys, courts, municipal governments, port agencies, and correctional departments from 17 states and many cities in the U.S., including the District of Columbia.

INL's State and Local Partnership (SLP) Program's mission is to improve public safety, promote the rule of law, and uphold human rights around the world by leveraging the expertise of state and local criminal justice partners in mutually beneficial ways.

The SLP program's objectives are to:

- Build and maintain relationships with, and leverage the expertise of exemplary U.S. state and local criminal justice agencies.
- Enable foreign counterparts to strengthen their criminal justice systems.
- Coordinate the design and delivery of effective and tailored criminal justice training.

HOW U.S. PARTNERS ASSIST INL

- Hosting foreign counterparts for training and educational visits
- Deploying subject matter experts overseas
- Serving as mentors and advisors to foreign counterparts and their agencies
- Sharing practical, up-to-date techniques and knowledge with foreign counterparts

WHY STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES?

INL seeks partnerships with U.S. state and local partners because they have unique expertise that is more relevant to helping foreign counterparts than that offered by U.S. federal agencies. U.S. partner agencies experience similar challenges as their foreign counterparts, and thus can speak to them based on real-life experience as fellow professionals, bringing practical, up-to-date techniques and knowledge to foreign colleagues. INL taps its network of state and local partners to share current trends, challenges, and best practices with our foreign partners, including integrating diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility into criminal justice sector programs, taking into consideration each host country's unique challenges.

BENEFITS TO STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS

State and local partners gain direct connections to foreign counterparts, which help improve domestic and foreign criminal justice systems. These collaborations often lead to lasting professional and personal relationships.

Exposure to overseas experience offers numerous important professional development opportunities for state and local partners. It also provides a deeper understanding of their own field of work by applying it to different cultural contexts. Participating officers return home equipped with enhanced credentials, international and federal experience, and contacts with foreign counterparts. These benefits increase their readiness to fight transnational crime that impacts U.S. communities.

Working overseas also offers U.S. agencies exposure to cultural norms and values in INL partner countries that may be useful when building trust, conducting outreach, and otherwise serving diverse communities at the local level in the United States.



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HOW DOES INL WORK WITH PARTNERS?

Identify Needs: In support of U.S. foreign policy and security objectives, INL works with host nations to identify key areas for criminal justice system reform using U.S. expertise.

Partner Selection: INL's Office of Knowledge Management (INL/KM) determines the best match of experts among U.S. partner agencies.

Formalized Mechanisms: Once a U.S. partner is selected, INL uses established partnership mechanisms to deploy a partner overseas or train foreign counterparts in the United States. Deployments are done at no cost to the partner agency.

Pre-Deployment Training: INL/KM trains all state and local partners, ensuring their preparedness before deployment.

Deployment: INL representatives in Washington and at overseas U.S. Embassies assist partners during international deployments and when hosting activities in the United States to ensure success in their mission.

Post-Deployment: Upon completion of the project, INL reimburses partners for any deployment-related costs and partners submit a final report to INL.

EXAMPLES OF INL PARTNER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Justice: *Maryland's Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office* trained 22 Colombian prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting gender-based violence, sexual assault crimes, and child abuse cases.

Police: *Illinois State Police* supported the country of Georgia's Ministry of Internal Affairs in improving its law enforcement training academy. ISP conducted several training courses and embedded two Georgian police trainers in its academy.

Corrections: *Virginia Department of Corrections* provided Emergency Management Response training for Colombian correctional officials.

Ports: *San Diego Harbor Police Department* supported the development and implementation of a Philippine underwater crime scene investigation program (including structured SCUBA-enabled training) through trainings by and study visits to the Port of San Diego.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What level of commitment does INL require from U.S. partner agencies?

Partners' level of participation and commitment depends on their availability and ability to support requests from INL. It can be one engagement a year or a multi-year partnership offering up to 30 engagements annually. INL strives to make these partnerships mutually beneficial without being a burden.

How much will it cost my agency to partner with INL?

Partners are reimbursed for all expenses incurred related to INL deployments. This includes travel expenses, training materials and equipment, and salaries and benefits. However, costs incurred by U.S. partner agencies during educational visits by foreign delegations are not reimbursable (e.g., salaries of officers meeting with delegations).

Is my agency obligated to respond to INL's requests for activities?

Participation in INL programs is completely voluntary and at the discretion of your agency or department.

How is the safety and security of our staff ensured?

Partners traveling overseas for INL programs have the support of INL and embassy staff while deployed. Before deployment, INL provides training and works closely with partners to ensure their understanding of activity requirements and host country safety conditions. While overseas, the embassy's Regional Security Officer (RSO) provides guidance and oversight.

For additional information about INL, you can go to our website at <http://www.state.gov/j/inl/> or follow us on Twitter [@StateINL](https://twitter.com/StateINL).

INL: PROJECTS IN OVER 60 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING

Albania	Dominican Republic	Lebanon	Serbia
Armenia	Egypt	Liberia	Sierra Leone
The Bahamas	El Salvador	Libya	Somalia
Bangladesh	Georgia	North Macedonia	Suriname
Belize	Ghana	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Benin	Guatemala	Mexico	Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guinea	Moldova	Tanzania
Burkina Faso	Guyana	Montenegro	Thailand
Burma	Haiti	Morocco	The Philippines
Central African Republic	Honduras	Nepal	Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Indonesia	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Niger	Turkmenistan
Cote D'Ivoire	Kazakhstan	Nigeria	Ukraine
Democratic Republic of Congo	Kenya	Pakistan	Uzbekistan
	Kosovo	Panama	Vietnam
	Kyrgyzstan	Peru	
	Laos	Senegal	



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