

ANTI-CORRUPTION WITH A FOCUS ON WHISTLEBLOWERS

Study Tour for Professionals in the Area of Anti-Corruption and Whistleblower Protection

The Community Connections Program offers 3-week, homestay-based, practical training opportunities in the United States for professionals that demonstrate aptitude and leadership potential in different fields. In the field of anti-corruption and protection of whistleblowers, ten professionals from Serbia will have the opportunity to meet with their U.S. counterparts and learn about what laws or other provisions/mechanisms exist in the United States on a variety of levels in government, business, and other institutions that discourage corruption and protect the public including whistleblowers; look at good examples of solving the cases of corruption from beginning to end; learn about what role whistleblowers play, what vehicles they use, and what kind of protection they receive and from whom; see how NGOs and others organize to expose corruption, decrease the ability of people to practice corruption, raise public awareness, and maintain the pressure for police and judicial action to be taken against its perpetrators; examine the role that investigative journalists play and how they carry out their work; and observe and internalize the principals of civic responsibility and public oversight in providing a balance of power: what things are done to create a societal intolerance for corruption and to develop the will to act against it.

All expenses in the U.S., including international airfare, insurance, professional and cultural programs and room and board are covered (passport fees and travel within Serbia are not included).

Goals of the program

- To provide participants with professional training and practical exposure in the field of anti-corruption and the protection of whistleblowers
- To encourage public-private partnerships in Serbia
- To create links between U.S. and Serbian communities

Community Connections Program

Community Connections is a United States Agency for International Development program designed to promote the exchange of cultural ideas and values between Serbian participants, U.S. families, and U.S. local community host organizations. Managed by USAID and implemented by World Learning in Serbia and Washington, DC, the program works in collaboration with the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Serbia and host exchange organizations in U.S. communities selected by USAID. These host organizations arrange for the homestays and the professional development aspects of the program. Community Connections is currently being conducted in several other countries in Europe and Eurasia.

Recruitment

World Learning will be recruiting for professionals in the field of anti-corruption and protection of whistleblowers beginning on December 10, 2010. Eligible candidates must submit an application form by the **deadline of January 11, 2010**. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

Who can apply?

In order to be **eligible** for Community Connections Program, applicants **must** be employees of independent agencies like the Anti-Corruption Agency, the Ombudsman Office, the Commissioner for Access to Public Information, the State Audit Agency, etc.; representatives from NGOs that are dealing with the anti-corruption; government, parliamentary, or municipal officials actively involved in dealing with anti-corruption or whistleblower protection legislation; journalists working in the topic of anti-corruption and/or whistleblowers; university professors from related faculties; prosecutors, police, and judicial bodies or associations actively dealing with anti-corruption issues, and fulfill the following **general requirements**:

- Be a citizen of Serbia and currently reside and work in Serbia
- Able to demonstrate professional aptitude and leadership potential in the chosen field
- Have significant experience in the field and plan to work for at least two more years in the field



- Complete all the necessary forms
- Eligible to receive and maintain a U.S. J-1 visa
- Committed to returning to Serbia immediately upon completion of the program
- Willing to live with a host family in the United States

For more information or to get an application please contact World Learning or visit our website.



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