Opportunity Summary:
The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects that promote rule of law and advance the equal status and participation of women and girls in public life.

DRL’s goal is to support rule of law in Morocco. DRL’s objective is to promote equality and accountability in Morocco by ensuring implementation of and advocacy for legal frameworks restricting early and forced marriage. Program approaches may include, but are not limited to: supporting increased government and civil society understanding of national and international laws against early and forced marriage and coordination to improve enforcement; efforts to ensure that national legal frameworks are in line with international human rights standards, including advocacy initiatives to eliminate exceptions that grant judges authority to sanction early marriages; engaging influential community leaders to increase awareness of the issue; and social norm change efforts to shift attitudes that perpetuate the practice both de jure and de facto.

The proposed program should include consultative discussions with relevant parties to ensure a participatory and needs-based approach. The proposed program also must address how it will ensure coordination with existing efforts to combat early and forced marriage in Morocco. Proposals that include activities that address potential linkages between early and forced marriage and trafficking in persons are welcome.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- All proposals must demonstrate that they do not duplicate existing efforts.
- All applicants are strongly encouraged to review the Excluded Parties List System in SAM.gov to ensure that no ineligible entity or person is included in their application.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:
1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

Questions? Comments? Email the Research Development Team at resapp@jhu.edu.