**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force is a multi-disciplinary task force that brings law enforcement, social service, and legal service agencies together to work on human trafficking cases.  The task force is co-led by the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois, and The Salvation Army Trafficking Outreach Program and Intervention Techniques (STOP-IT). By bringing together various law enforcement and nongovernmental agencies, the task force works to identify human trafficking and respond appropriately to survivor needs.

Each year, the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force also hosts a human trafficking conference to inform, educate and strengthen anti-trafficking efforts across the city of Chicago, in Cook County and throughout the surrounding areas. The conference generally features two full days of presentations on the most up-to-date and innovative work from local and national experts on human trafficking. **This year, the sixth annual Cook County Human Trafficking Conference will take place on August 4 and 5, 2016 at IIT Chicago Kent College of Law.**

To broaden the diversity of presenters and presentations, The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force requests proposals for sessions at the 2016 annual conference.

The 2016 conference aims to: 1) critically assess and evaluate existing frameworks that affect, impact or impede appropriate intervention; 2) analyze new and emerging research to help better understand sex and labor trafficking; 3) explore innovative national models that comprehensively address human trafficking; 4) discuss the state of Illinois efforts and initiatives to combat human trafficking and provide comprehensive services; and 5) find new ways to enhance collaboration among partners in the anti-trafficking field.

### **Proposal Topic Areas**

* Labor Trafficking
* Consumer Choices and Transparency in Labor Supply Chains
* Survivor Engagement
* Workers’ rights
* LGBTQ Vulnerabilities
* The Intersection between Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking
* Youth at Risk
* Multidisciplinary Approaches
* Bridging the Divide: Law Enforcement and Social Service Providers
* Innovative Outreach and Engagement Methods
* Housing for Human Trafficking Survivors
* Trauma-Informed Promising Practices and Therapies
* The Impact of Public Awareness Campaigns
* Technology and Human Trafficking

### **Proposal and Evaluation Criteria**

18 presentations will be selected in total. Proposals are due by March 25, 2016.

Applicants will submit a one to two-page proposal using the provided template (12 point font, double spaced) that addresses the following:

* Proposed presenter(s)
* Type of proposed presentation
  + Seminar – An educational presentation given in a lecture-style format.
  + Panel - A small group of experts present a wide range of perspectives on one specific topic led by a moderator.
  + Workshop – An intensive discussion and activity on a particular subject or project.
  + Caucus –A time for affinity groups or people working on similar projects to gather and exchange ideas, network and build community.
* Session skill level
  + Fundamentals – basic for new staff, professionals, volunteers, or community members looking to get involved (0-1 year of experience in topic area)
  + Intermediate – content includes putting theory into practice, practical application, challenges, barriers and problem solving. (2-5 years of experience in topic area)
  + Advanced – sessions tailored for anti-trafficking experts with seasoned knowledge of context, issues and promising practices. Can include case studies and high-level problem solving. (5+ years of experience)
  + All Audiences – session is suitable for participants of all skill levels.
* Proposed subject matter (please indicate if proposing a ‘Law Enforcement Only’ session)
* Value of proposed presentation and impact on field
* Relevance to task force goals
* Qualifications of presenter (short paragraph of bio, details provided in CV)

Proposals must be submitted in PDF electronic format to the Salvation Army STOP-IT Program at the following email address: [stop-it@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:stop-it@usc.salvationarmy.org) by midnight on **March 25, 2016.**

The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force core team will evaluate the proposals. The following are the merit-based criteria for evaluation: relevance to anti-trafficking community at large (25%); alignment with task force goals, mission and guiding principles (25%); innovation or value added to the national discussion on human trafficking (25%); trauma-informed and victim-centered approach (15%), and qualifications and expertise of proposed presenters (10%).  Chosen presenters will be notified by the end of May 2016.

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### FAQs

**Q: When is this proposal due?**

A: The proposal is due by midnight CST on March 25, 2016

**Q: When will presenters be announced?**

A: Presenters will be announced in May 2016

**Q: Where will I submit my final proposal?**

A: Proposals can be submitted to stop-it@usc.salvationarmy.org

**Q: When and where will the conference take place?**

A: The conference will take place on August 4 and 5, 2016 at IIT Chicago Kent College of Law at 565 W. Adams, Chicago, IL.

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| **Phone**: | Click here to enter phone number | | | |
| **Email**: | Click here to enter email address. | | | |
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| **Other Presenters(s)**: | | | Click here to enter name(s). | |
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| **TITLE OF PROPOSED PRESENTATION:** | | | | |
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| **DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION**  *Please provide a brief description for the presentation that you are proposing. Co-presenters should discuss and agree on the session title and description before submitting this information.*  ***Please make sure to include the type of presentation you are proposing (seminar/panel/workshop/caucus), the skill level of the session (fundamentals/intermediate/advanced/all audiences), and the target audience for your presentation.*** | | | | |
| Click here to enter comment.   |  | | --- | | **HAVE YOU GIVEN THIS PRESENTATION BEFORE? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?** | | Click here to enter comment. | | **DOES YOUR PRESENTATION INCLUDE RESEARCH? IF SO, HAS IT BEEN PUBLISHED? WHERE?** | | Click here to enter comment. | | | | | |
| **RELEVANCE TO TASK FORCE GOALS**  *Please describe how this presentation aligns with key task force goals, including enhanced collaboration among law enforcement, social service providers, and other first responders, victim-centered service provision and prosecution, and specifically, the goals identified for the 2016 conference (listed above).* | | | | |
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| **VALUE TO LOCAL/NATIONAL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  *Please describe how this presentation will add value to the local and national discussion around human trafficking.* | | | | |
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| **QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESENTER(s)**  *Please briefly describe the presenter’s current employment/assignment and professional responsibilities/activities that directly relate to human trafficking, specific areas of expertise, and a general professional history. Additional details may be attached in a CV with this proposal.* | | | | |
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