

OPEN CALL

TO ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (OTHER THAN MEXICAN NATIONALS) WITH AN INTEREST IN OBSERVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2014-2015 ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ELECTORAL PROCEDURES AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO, MEXICO, HEREBY EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF:

- ▶ FOREIGN ELECTION AUTHORITIES AND ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES;
- ▶ INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;
- ▶ REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;
- ▶ FOREIGN POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS;
- ▶ FOREIGN LEGISLATIVE ORGANS;
- ▶ FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS;
- ▶ FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS;
- ▶ INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SPECIALIZED IN ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE AND OBSERVATION; AND
- ▶ FOREIGN PRIVATE OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS SPECIALIZED IN POLITICAL AND ELECTORAL AFFAIRS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE AND PROMOTION,

TO PARTICIPATE AS **FOREIGN VISITORS** DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2015 ELECTORAL PROCESS PURSUANT TO WHICH CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO WILL ELECT THE HEAD OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, STATE CONGRESSMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED DETAILS OF THE APPLICABLE CRITERIA, AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION FORM. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS INVITATION DOES NOT EXTEND TO MEXICAN NATIONALS.

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT **(+52) 1 7471 27 04 50** OR iepcgro@gmail.com. IT WILL BE OUR PLEASURE TO ANSWER YOUR ENQUIRIES.

SINCERELY,

MARISELA REYES REYES,
PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

OPEN CALL TO MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH AN INTEREST IN OBSERVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2014-2015 ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO, SEEKING ACCREDITATION AS **FOREIGN VISITORS**.

The Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of the State of Guerrero, as the independent public institution responsible for the organization of local elections in the State of Guerrero, extends an invitation to all foreign citizens, members of foreign institutions and organizations, and the public in general, who are interested in observing the various stages of the local electoral process 2014-2015 pursuant to which citizens of the State of Guerrero will elect the head of the state government, state congressmen and members of the local municipal government; and hereby issues the **present Open Call for Foreign Visitors**, in accordance with the following:

CRITERIA

I. GENERAL CRITERIA

1. This invitation is addressed to any person, other than Mexican citizens, interested in observing the development of the Local Electoral Process 2014-2015, including members and representatives of:
 - a) Foreign election authorities and electoral management bodies;
 - b) International organizations;
 - c) Regional organizations;
 - d) Foreign political parties and organizations;
 - e) Foreign legislative organs;
 - f) Foreign governments;
 - g) Foreign higher education, research and academic institutions;
 - h) International organizations specialized in electoral assistance and observation; and
 - i) Foreign private or non-governmental institutions specialized in political and electoral affairs, and human rights defense and promotion.

2. Accredited Foreign Visitors will have the right to be informed as to progress in the Electoral Process 2014-2015.
3. Applications may be submitted at any time from the time of approval and publication of this Open Call and **until 27 May 2015**; applications should be addressed to the Presidency of the General Council of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of the State of Guerrero. The completed and signed Application Form for Foreign Visitors must be submitted together with a copy of the main page of the applicant's passport, and a clear and recent photograph, measuring 3 x 2.5 centimeters.
4. The Application Form for Foreign Visitors will be made available at the Central Offices of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of The State of Guerrero located at Calle Margatritas sin numero, Colonia San Miguelito, Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico; at the offices of the 28 Electoral District Councils; at Mexican embassies and consular offices abroad, and at our official website www.iepcgro.mx.
5. The documents described in Paragraph 3 should be submitted, within the time frame specified, to the Central Offices referred to above, sent either by post or courier service, or by e-mail to iepcgro@gmail.com, ensuring the documents have been properly completed and signed.
6. In order to be granted accreditation, Foreign Visitors must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Recognition as a foreign citizen by the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, in accordance with the First Basis of Agreement 017/SE/29-01-2015 of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of The State of Guerrero, under which these eligibility criteria, and the presence of Foreign Visitors during the ongoing 2014-2015 elections, are defined and regulated.
 - b. The completion, signature and submission of the Foreign Visitor Application Form to the Presidency of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of The State of Guerrero, enclosing the requested documentation, as set out in Paragraph 3.

- c. Not be applying for any commercial gain or lucrative purposes.
7. The Presidency of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of the State of Guerrero will evaluate each application received. The Presidency will respond to each such application within three working days of receipt.
8. If documents submitted are incomplete or incorrect, the Presidency will inform the applicant within three working days so that he/she may correct the application and submit the correct documentation.
9. Applications will be rejected if any of the following applies:
 - a) The applicant is considered Mexican under the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, or
 - b) The applicant fails to submit all documents, properly completed and signed, by May 27th 2015, to the Presidency of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of The State of Guerrero.
10. Applicants will be informed about the result of their application via notification from the Electoral Advisor to the Presidency; accreditation notifications will be sent via fax or electronic mail as provided in their Application Form.
11. Accredited Foreign Visitors must collect their official badges by no later than 6 June 2015. These badges will provide proper accreditation and facilitate activities during the election process. If an Accredited Foreign Visitor wishes to collect the badge in a location other than the official location, he/she must make a special request by no later than May 29, 2015.
12. The Presidency of the General Council will inform electoral authorities and political parties, and, as relevant, independent candidates, as to the physical characteristics of the Foreign Visitors Accreditation Badge.

13. Political parties, electoral coalitions/alliances, and independent candidates, as well as electoral observer organizations and Mexican civil organizations and associations specialized or interested in the elections, shall be permitted to distribute this Open Call and invite foreign citizens that fulfill the requirements to apply for Accredited Foreign Visitor status.
14. Accredited Foreign Visitors will be responsible for their own expenses related to transportation, accommodation and activities while in Mexico.

II. PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

1. International visitors have the right to learn about the development of the 2014-2015 Electoral Process, at any stage, and at any place within the state.
2. For the purpose of gathering additional background information about applicable legislation, institutions and electoral procedures, Accredited Foreign Visitors may request, through the Executive Secretariat Office of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of The State of Guerrero, a personal appointment to interview or meet with the Institute's officials.
3. Political parties, electoral coalitions and independent candidates may present their approaches with regard to the electoral process before the Accredited Foreign Visitors, and provide them with other documents they may consider pertinent.
4. Subject to availability, the Presidency of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of The State of Guerrero shall provide all necessary general support to the Accredited Foreign Visitors in order to facilitate their activities, and will keep the General Council informed of such activities.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN VISITORS

During the conduct of their activities, Accredited Foreign Visitors should refrain from:

- a) Obstructing in any way the exercise of the functions of the electoral authorities, or interfering in any way in their activities;
- b) taking a position for or against any political party or candidate, or pronouncing themselves for or against any initiative;
- c) expressing any offence, slander or false accusation against the electoral institutions or authorities, political parties or candidates;
- d) declaring victory of any political party or candidate;
- e) pronouncing any tendencies on electoral results, before, during or after the elections;
- f) wearing or using any emblems, or any other image related to political parties, candidates, political or ideological stance related to the federal or local elections.

IV. UNFORESEEN CASES

1. Any matter not considered in the present Open Call shall be resolved by the Presidency of the General Council of the Institute for Electoral Procedures and Citizen Participation of the State Of Guerrero in its absolute discretion.

Chilpancingo de los Bravo, Guerrero; January 29th 2015.

MARISELA REYES REYES,

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ELECTORAL
PROCEDURES AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO.

PEDRO PABLO MARTÍNEZ ORTIZ

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ELECTORAL PROCEDURES AND
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO.