

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Call for Applications to Receive Global Disability Rights Library**

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**Washington, DC** – The Global Disability Rights Library project announces a call for organizations to apply to receive a free digital Global Disability Rights Library (GDRL). Applications are open to disabled people’s organizations, universities, and agencies in developing countries. Sixty organizations will receive the digital library to empower them to disseminate valuable disability rights knowledge and toolkits to their communities.

The goal of the GDRL project is to improve the lives of **persons with disabilities** in developing countries. The project uses an innovative “internet in a box” technology to deliver digital resources to people beyond the reach of the internet. Users will include disabled people’s organizations (DPOs), decision makers, individual advocates, and others who cannot easily download information from the web. Read more about the GDRL project at:

<http://www.usid.org/index.cfm/global-disability-rights-library>

The GDRL is a collaborative effort between the U.S. International Council on Disabilities and the **University of Iowa’s** WiderNet Project with support from USAID to bring the best materials on disability rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to developing countries.

Ideal deployment site candidates will have a demonstrated commitment to promoting and facilitating disability rights. Successful applicants will have the organizational capacity to become a hub for disseminating disability rights information and will be inclusive of a diverse disability community. Interested organizations are urged to review the application

and full eligibility criteria posted on WiderNet's website at:

<http://www.widernet.org/digitallibrary/GDRLSiteSelection>

There will be several selection rounds. Applicants not accepted in an early selection round will be immediately rolled over into subsequent selection rounds. Candidates are encouraged to apply early. **Please do not wait until the final deadline.**

Apply by [March 1, 2011](#), to be considered for deployment by [June 30, 2011](#)

Apply by [September 1, 2011](#), to be considered for deployment by [December 31, 2011](#)

Apply by [May 1, 2012](#), to be considered for deployment by [August 31, 2012](#)

Questions about the application process or eligibility criteria should be directed to [gdr1@usicd.org](mailto:gdr1@usicd.org). Applicants who cannot use email also may reach us by post mail at

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