Background Information

For a School-Based
Computer Lab and Internet Community Center (CLICC) Program:

To increase the use of ICTs by students, teachers, school administrators, neighbouring residents and businesses in the course of the educational process; and also to enhance their day-to-day social and business activities.

A Government of Vanuatu program has been established to provide funding for school computer labs which will also serve their communities with Internet access.

This program is funded by DFAT through its Australia-Vanuatu Governance for Growth (GFG) Program. Policy guidance is provided by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) in the Prime Minister's Office. The implementation of the program will be through the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR).

This is a pilot program, and will cover up to 15 schools.

Under the CLICC program, all schools throughout Vanuatu will apply for a *one-time* grant of amounts up to 3 million vatu. No further funding will be provided after the initial grant. This grant can be used to buy computers, build a reliable power supply, get Internet access, train teachers, and cover other related costs. The school and community must ensure the following requirements are met for the success of the CLICC program:

- Set up an active, involved and enthusiastic school and community committee to ensure that the CLICC project works well. The head of this committee and/or the principal of the school will need to sign a contract acknowledging receipt of the assistance and committing to the project.
- Raise matching funds to cover some of the costs of the project, and show that the school and community will commit to the project.
- Be active in the building of the CLICC, and provide a suitable school room for the lab at no rental cost to the project (computers in the school library are acceptable).
- Make sure the CLICC is open to the public after school hours in the evening, for use by the community, preferably on a free or low fee basis.
- Provide proof of land ownership and confirmation of no disputes related to the school compound and location of CLICC.
- Provide plan to ensure sustainability of the facility with support from the community.
- Provide volunteer or paid staff to monitor the use of the computer lab during the hours it is open to the public.
- Keep accurate records of the equipment and the funding, and provide accurate and regular reports to TRR.
- Locate persons who can install, maintain and repair the equipment and run the CLICC computer lab. These can be teachers, local volunteers, Peace Corps or other IT volunteers, young people who know about computers, community members, outside contractors, or others.
- Use the lab and resources to create local content in local languages and Bislama to be used for both teaching and sharing with other schools and communities
- Report regularly to TRR on the progress of the project, what is working and what did not work, and evaluate the successes and failures of the implementation.

If you are *seriously interested* in such a CLICC project for your school or community, complete the attached CLICC application form and send it to TRR, at the following contact information, by: **4:00 pm on Friday, 18th of July 2014.**

Grant Application Forms (UAP)
Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator
P.O. Box 3547
Port Vila, Vanuatu
Tel: 27621   Fax: 27440   Email: almawensi@trr.vu or jeffreytila@trr.vu

The application process for this program will be as follows:

1. Proposals will be evaluated for their quality and likelihood of success
2. Up to 15 or so applicants rated highest will be asked to discuss and negotiate a final plan, and sign a contract covering the project
3. Awards will be made and the execution phase will begin
4. Applications which are not selected will be kept on file in case additional funds become available in the future.

To begin the process, please fill up the CLICC Grant Application Form.

SCORING

The Grant Review Committee (GRC) made up of the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR), the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Director to the Australian-Vanuatu Governance for Growth (GfG) program will evaluate all applications and select successful schools under the CLICC program. Applications will be evaluated based on likelihood of success from assessing the criteria outlined below:

Demonstrated level of commitment from the school and community:	20%
Percentage of grant funds matched with local funds and/or "soft matches":	20%
Likelihood of long term, sustainable success:	20%
Access to staff trained in computers, power, maintenance and operations:	20%
Demonstrated interest in developing local educational and cultural content in local languages and in Bislama:	20%
Total:	100%

Applications may be reviewed in terms of their distribution around the islands and distribution in terms of high, medium and low levels of difficulty, to allow for equal access to this opportunity and to ensure a high level of success. It is anticipated that most of the 15 awards will be to secondary schools, but primary schools may apply if they can demonstrate that they meet the criteria for selection. Vocational schools and Rural Training Centers (RTC) are also encouraged to apply. It is anticipated that some pilot schools will be chosen from very remote areas, some from remote areas, and some from areas not too far from urban centers. Advanced schools in urban areas which already have fully functioning computer labs are unlikely to be awarded grants, since a key grant purpose is to increase broadband access and computer usage to the underserved and unserved parts of Vanuatu.

You may contact TRR for assistance with questions and comments on this form, before the deadline.

Thanks and good luck!