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Job Title:	BAROMETER MID-POINT EVALUATOR
Location:	Bogotá, Colombia
Project Reference:	“Engaged Barometer for Implementation Support in Colombia”
Duration of Employment:	2 months
Project Purpose:	The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies is tasked with monitoring and verifying the implementation of the Colombia Final Accord through its Barometer Initiative Program with the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Project. The Barometer Mid-point evaluator is asked to perform an assessment to perceive value of the Barometer Initiative among prominent policy makers and public figures in Colombia and observers in the U.S.
Organizational Setting:	The Barometer Mid-point evaluator will work under the supervision of the Peace Accords Matrix Director (located at the University of Notre Dame).

Introduction to the Peace Accords Matrix and Barometer Project:

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies of the University of Notre Dame is home to the largest existing collection of implementation data on intrastate peace agreements called The Peace Accord Matrix (PAM). The PAM database is a unique source of qualitative and quantitative longitudinal data on the implementation of 34 Comprehensive Peace Agreements (CPAs) negotiated between 1989 and 2012. The population of agreements is ‘comprehensive’ in two dimensions: (1) the major parties to the conflict were involved in the negotiations that led to the written agreement; and (2) the substantive issues underlying the conflict were included in the negotiations. The PAM team consists of faculty members and associates of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. More info here: <https://peaceaccords.nd.edu>.

Using this accumulated and comparative knowledge, PAM team members regularly provide research support to on-going peace processes on issues of peace agreement design and implementation. The “Engaged Barometer for Implementation Support in Colombia” is an initiative of the PAM team which provides a robust form of implementation accompaniment through monitoring and verification of the Colombian Final Accord.

Contract purpose:

The Barometer project is seeking to develop an independent midpoint evaluation to identify the Barometer's strengths and suggestions for improving project effectiveness. The evaluation will consist of a qualitative assessment by an external investigator. The investigator will conduct approximately 50 informant interviews, mostly in Colombia but also in the U.S., to evaluate key questions about the Barometer Initiative.

Key aspect of the Mid-Point Evaluation process:

The evaluator will seek to address the following key aspects of the project effectiveness:

- Data collection and analysis: accuracy, objectivity and reliability of project data and reports; clarity and utility of the project's quantitative data and how it is presented; and accuracy and depth of the project's qualitative assessments.
- Impact contribution and traceability: ability of the project to facilitate local-level impact of national peace accord implementation strategies and to feed local-level input to national policy; effectiveness of project representatives in public meetings and presentations; tertiary effects of the project on peace building and stabilization priorities; relevance and policy impact of the project's reports and analyses (with examples); influence of the project and its analyses in public media and social media (does it have an influence on public perceptions and opinion); overall value of the project for peace accord implementation and the prospects for sustainable peace.
- Improvements: advantages/disadvantages that Kroc brings as implementer and Social Pastorate as sub-implementer in terms of impact; gaps in the procedures and performance of the project; suggestions for improving the project's ability to monitor peace accord implementation and support peace building priorities,

Specific tasks and responsibilities:

Develop an impact framework to highlight Kroc contribution to peace building

- Understand the Kroc mandate on the technical assistance to support the peace process
- Understand the Barometer project impact and results indicators, based on the Scope of Work

Obtain primary source information and evidence to seek demonstrable Barometer impact on peace building processes

- Conduct interviews in Colombia to high level officials at a national level who know about and have responsibility for implementing the peace accord, prominent public figures who have influence in shaping public opinion regarding the peace process, and key civil society leaders
- Conduct interviews in Colombia to experts and present and past officials in the presidential cabinet, relevant ministries and government agencies, the military and police, the UN and other international organizations, the Social Pastorate and Catholic Church and other religious communities, business associations, leading universities and research centers, and civil society organizations and networks.

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- Conduct interviews in the U.S. to current and past officials in relevant government agencies, senior Congressional staff, and leading civil society organizations and research centers.
 - Use other qualitative methodologies to collect data to demonstrate impact on peace building process and policy making.

Deliver a Midpoint evaluation report

- Produce an evaluation report which will be delivered to the Dean of the Keough School, the Director of the Kroc Institute and the Director of the Peace Accords Matrix, and will be shared with senior staff at CSO.
- Perform a presentation to the PAM director on the results of the Mid-Point Evaluation process, giving clear recommendations to improve program quality and impact.
- Deliver short videos to record testimonials from key stakeholders, Colombian government officials, Colombian social leaders, etc.

Application process:

- Interested candidates should send the following documents to lstone@nd.edu; convocatoriasnps@cec.org.co:
 - Resume/Curriculum Vitae of the evaluator
 - Proposal about how the Mid-Point Evaluation will be developed
 - Contact information: cellphone and email
- **Job closing date: February 28, 2019**