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(iii) **Number of Participants:** Fifteen faculty.

The project is designed to assist faculty in a consortium of two-year public colleges in the Midwest region (called the Midwest Institute for IIE) to create curriculum, provide for professional development, and foster institutional collaboration. The selected faculty will participate in the project and become conduits for educating their students, provide services to local community, and facilitate a better understanding about Armenia-Georgia.

The participating faculty will be involved in a three-phase project: a) readings, training workshops and pre-departure orientation; b) overseas lectures/workshops and project development; and c) post-trip completion of curriculum modules, production of a curriculum handbook, a video program and electronic photos from the trip, and implementation of college and community projects.

The faculty selected to participate in the project represent a good mix of disciplines in arts, communications, humanities, and social sciences, as well as, personal and professional background. The study tour will last about four and half weeks.

There are nine project objectives:

1. To increase the number of faculty expertise on Armenia-Georgia through readings, lectures, workshops, travel, and interaction with faculty, administrators, community leaders & officials in Armenia-Georgia.
2. To expand the international content of the colleges’ curricula through the development and the infusion of curriculum modules into selected courses in arts, communications, humanities, and social sciences.
3. To increase the number of faculty to use on-line software as an interactive learning tool to enhance sharing and learning about Armenia-Georgia.
4. To use the Midwest Institute’s website and individual websites created by the participating faculty to share their curriculum work and photos/video with students, other faculty and colleges in the consortium.
5. To offer lectures and campus events to the college community regarding economic, political, social and cultural aspects of Armenia-Georgia.
6. To develop an educational DVD video program and a CD-ROM on Armenia-Georgia based on the trip and the curriculum developed.
7. To facilitate collaborative projects and exchanges with educational institutions, businesses, government agencies, and civic groups in Armenia-Georgia.
8. To expand the understanding and knowledge on Armenia-Georgia with the development of a curriculum handbook and disseminate free of charge to interested colleges and schools.
9. To produce a group journal on the trip to Armenia-Georgia.