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NEWLY ESTABLISHED AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION - INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOUNDATION, INC. NOW ACCEPTING GRANT PROPOSALS

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, October 29, 2015 – The American Arbitration Association® (AAA®) and its international division, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR®), have announced the establishment of the AAA-ICDR Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and is able to solicit donations and provide grants to fund a range of worthy causes that promote the Foundation's wide-reaching mission, which is to support the use and improvement of dispute resolution processes in the USA and internationally, including:

- Fostering measures that reduce potential escalation, manage, and resolve conflicts.
- Expanding the use of dispute resolution processes tailored to the conflict.
- Supporting research, education and initiatives promoting high quality, efficient and fair dispute resolution.
- Increasing access to justice in and through alternative dispute resolution.
- Encouraging collaborative processes to resolve public conflicts.
- Sharing expertise across diverse groups and cultures.
- Partnering with others dedicated to advancing the Foundation's mission

The Foundation was established as a separate not-for-profit entity from the AAA/ICDR, but through initial funding from the AAA/ICDR, AAA/ICDR Panelists and others, the Foundation plans to issue grants and support programs consistent with its mission. The AAA-ICDR Foundation is committed to funding critical projects in the ADR community to improve and expand the use of arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution.

The AAA-ICDR Foundation is now accepting proposals for its first funding cycle. Interested organizations or individuals should submit a 1-2 page Initial Description of Grant Request no later than **December 1, 2015**. For more information on the AAA-ICDR Foundation and the grant-application process, please visit www.AAAICDRFoundation.org.