The last two decades of reforms have produced a notable increase in the number of Latin American public policy experts. The expanding body of theoretical and practical knowledge emanating from such experts could be useful in improving the standards of living in this region. However, much of this human capital remains untapped. By increasing the exposure of such professionals who specialize in public policy vis-à-vis Latin America, Atlas Economic Research Foundation hopes to create a virtuous and competitive process resulting in higher incentives to improve specialization and the quality of research and applied solutions.

In order to reach that goal, Atlas seeks to prepare a database of the leading 1000 Latin American public policy experts.

*Work Plan:*

Atlas Economic Research Foundation will collaborate in this task with Latin American Institutes and Universities that are part of its international network, requesting accurate information on experts to be considered for our guide. Once the institutes complete the forms and send them back to Atlas’ office, we will choose the best candidates.

At the end of year 2002, we will publish the database on our website, [www.atlasusa.org](http://www.atlasusa.org), and on the Hispanic American Center for Economic Research’s website, [www.hacer.org](http://www.hacer.org). We will also produce a CD-ROM format version of the guide.

Atlas Foundation will send a $1000 grant to every institute that answers our request accurately and on time. Every institute must send a minimum of 80 experts per country.
Criteria for Selection of Latin American Public Policy Experts and Other Instructions

• For the purpose of this guide, an expert shall be defined as an individual who has experience in public administration or at least has served as an advisor (either directly or through a consulting company) in a particular field of public policy. It is also important that the expert has based his or her work upon the following fundamental principles: the importance of the market, respect for the rule of law and the need for limited government.

• Latin American shall be limited to individuals living in Latin America. For the purpose of this guide, Latin Americans who live in the United States or experts in Latin American countries whose regional focus is not Latin America are not to be included.

• Considering that in Latin America many experts focus on more than one public policy issue and the form allot for 140 public policy issues to choose from, an expert should be listed as specializing in a maximum of 5 issues.

• Please rate the experts that you choose from 1 to 10 in their respective fields of public policy, taking into account their public sector experience, publication of academic papers and lecturing skills.

The forms must be completed and sent back before August 31, 2002

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