The Spanish language, the official language in 21 countries, serves a linguistic community that reaches beyond borders, fosters rich cultural alliances and is a worthy business potential in global economic markets, as employers highly value the ability to communicate in Spanish. More than 500 million native speakers of Spanish are a part of this global network, making the Spanish language an essential tool for communication and a unifying influence for people all over the world. Furthermore, 21 million people are students of Spanish, granting the language a measure of growth and expansion that signals a promising future for its speakers.

The Education Office of the Embassy of Spain, in its effort to promote diverse educational outreach programs in the U.S. and Canada, delivers a significant impact on the advancement of the Spanish language and culture in both countries.
Spanish Language and Culture Classrooms
In the United States, the Ministry of Education of Spain sponsors two “Secciones Españolas”: The International Spanish Academies (ISA) and Spanish Language and Culture Heritage Classrooms. These programs are designed to improve educational opportunities for the teaching of Spanish. ISA promotes the implementation of a bilingual Spanish-English curriculum with the support and recognition of the Embassy of Spain. Spanish Language and Culture Heritage Classrooms offer Spanish language and culture programs and the teaching of Spanish as a world language, and the fostering of scientific knowledge. The goal of advancing our outreach through these initiatives is to teach the use of Spanish and English.

Spanish Resources Centers
The Ministry of Education of Spain sponsors Resource Centers located at different universities and other educational institutions in the United States and Canada. They offer a variety of activities and resources for educators, students, administrators and everyone interested in Spanish language and culture.

Spanish Visiting Teachers
Recent college graduates from Spain are employed as Language Assistants in elementary, middle and high schools and at Spanish Resource Centers in the United States and Canada. Participants are selected by the Spanish government. The program also offers the possibility of meeting language and bilingual teachers from Spain to teach in its BIPLAB workshops.

American Schools and Colleges in Spain
Students from the United States and Canada, with a recognized academic prestige, participate in the Spanish Baccalaureate Program to acquire an opportunity to study Spanish language and culture. The program is a two-year Master’s program for educators from U.S. and Canadian universities who are interested in Spanish language and culture. It offers a variety of activities and resources for educators, students, administrators and everyone interested in Spanish language and culture. The program is designed to teach the use of Spanish and English.

APS Funding Opportunity Announcement
The Spanish government participates in various initiatives and funding opportunities for educational outreach programs. Some of these initiatives include the National, Regional, and State Conferences for the Teaching and Learning of Foreign Languages, the AATSP, the NABE, the CABE, the ACTFL, the ATEF-NBAL, the La Lengua Project, and the annual contest promoted by the Education Office of Spain in the United States called the School of the Year Contest for the Teaching and Learning of Foreign Languages. The program also offers the possibility of meeting language and bilingual teachers from Spain to teach in its BIPLAB workshops.

Spanish Language and Culture Heritage Classrooms
Spanish Language and Culture Heritage Classrooms are open to the children of citizens of Spain living in the U.S. and Canada who are not offered classes in Spanish language and culture heritage classrooms. These programs are designed to improve educational opportunities for the teaching of Spanish. ISA promotes the implementation of a bilingual Spanish-English curriculum with the support and recognition of the Embassy of Spain. Spanish Language and Culture Heritage Classrooms offer Spanish language and culture programs and the teaching of Spanish as a world language, and the fostering of scientific knowledge. The goal of advancing our outreach through these initiatives is to teach the use of Spanish and English.