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# **SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSIONS**

## **A. Justification**

### **A1. Need for Information Collection**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) awards grants to states, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and U.S. Territories to operate AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps VISTA, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps programs. This information collection comprises the questions applicants will answer to compete for funding through AmeriCorps State and National, which includes State Competitive, State Education Award Program, National Direct, National Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, State and Territories without Commissions, and National Planning grant competitions.

### **A2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.**

Applicants will respond to the questions included in these instructions in order to apply for funding in AmeriCorps State and National grant competitions. Applicants will include states, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and U.S. Territories.

### **A3. Minimize Burden: Use of Improved Technology to Reduce Burden**

The Corporation will be eliciting and accepting grantees response to these questions electronically via eGrants, the Corporation's secure online application system, or via e-mail. If applicants are unable to apply or report on-line, they can use the attached forms and instructions to submit their application.

### **A4. Non-Duplication**

There are no other sources of information by which the Corporation can meet the purposes described in A2 (above).

### **A5. Minimizing for economic burden for small businesses or other small entities.**

This collection of information does not impact small businesses because they are not eligible to apply for grants. There is no economic burden to any other small entities beyond the cost of staff time to collect and report the data. This is minimized to the degree possible by only asking for the information absolutely necessary to measure progress towards the Corporation's strategic initiative benchmarks.

### **A6. Consideration of Collection**

The Corporation will be unable to conduct the AmeriCorps State and National competitions authorized by annual appropriations without approval of this collection.

**A7. Special circumstances that would cause information collection to be collected in the specified ways.**

There are no special circumstances that would require the collection of information in any other ways specified.

**A8. Provide copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the Agency's notice.**

The 60 day *Notice* soliciting comments was published on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 on page 61022.

**A9. Payment to Respondents**

There are no payments or gifts to respondents

**A10. Confidentiality**

Information provided by this collection may be shared with federal, state, and local agencies for law enforcement purposes. Information provided by respondents is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.

**A11. Sensitive Questions**

The information collection does not include questions of a sensitive nature.

**A12. Hour burden of the collection**

These are the application instructions for all competitions conducted by AmeriCorps State and National.

We expect approximately 600 respondents to use these instructions to apply for funding in the AmeriCorps State Competitive, State Education Award Program, National Direct, National Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, State and Territories without Commissions, and National Planning grant competitions. The frequency of response will not be greater than annually, and should not exceed 40 hours of effort per respondent. There is no estimated annual hour burden outside of the customary and usual business practices.

**A13. Cost burden to the respondent**

The total cost burden based on an average cost of \$18.77 per hour (value of a volunteer hour according to Independent Sector) is \$450,480. The cost of reporting (\$750.80 per applicant) is covered by the grants awarded by the Corporation to successful applicants.

**A14. Cost to Government**

The Corporation is required by law to require grantees to provide annual progress reports. The Corporation's review of the data will be accomplished by internal teams of staffs as part of their regular job functions and will not result in the incurring of additional costs.

**A15. Reasons for program changes**

Not applicable.

**A16. Publication of results**

Not applicable because the responses to this information collection will not be published.

**A17. Explain the reason for seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.**

Not applicable.

**A18. Exceptions to the certification statement**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement in the submitted ROCIS form.