# Peace Corps—Office of Public Engagement Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Correspondence Match Educator Enrollment Form OMB Approval Numbers: 0420-0540 (Online form) and 0420-0513 (Paper form) Supporting Statement

### **Section A: Justification**

- 1. The Office of Public Engagement's activities and publications support section 2 of the Peace Corps Act, 22 USC § 2501, which states that one of the agency's missions is to "promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people." The Correspondence Match program connects an educator with a Peace Corps Volunteer serving overseas. The correspondence between the Volunteer, the educator, and his or her students is used to foster classroom activities and learning experiences relating to the Volunteer's country of service and the Peace Corps. In order to participate in the program and be matched with a Volunteer, the educator must complete the Correspondence Match Educator Enrollment Form.
- 2. The Correspondence Match Educator Enrollment Form is the first point of contact with the participating educator. It is Coverdell World Wise Schools' fundamental source of information from educators interested in participating in the Correspondence Match program. The information is used to make a suitable match between the educator and a Peace Corps Volunteer serving overseas. The information will be collected continuously as teachers choose to enroll, or continue participation, in the Correspondence Match program.
- 3. To improve efficiency in program administration and speed of enrollment, the information will be collected from an online form on the Coverdell World Wise Schools' website. The electronic submission of information is sent to the Coverdell World Wise Schools' email inbox, <a href="https://www.info@peacecorps.gov">www.info@peacecorps.gov</a>.

In addition to the online form option for voluntary enrollment in the Correspondence Match program, teachers may chose to enroll using a paper enrollment form. These paper enrollment forms are distributed to teachers at educational conferences and other Coverdell World Wise Schools promotional events to offer teachers the opportunity to participate in the program. This paper form will not be printed again in the future, so once the current stock of paper forms is exhausted, Coverdell World Wise Schools will exclusively use the online form.

For an unknown reason, the paper form has a different OMB approval number from the online form. Peace Corps is requesting an extension of the online form number and as well as the paper form number. The extension of the paper form number will allow Peace Corps to continue to benefit from the paper form and to avoid wasting the thousands of existing copies of the paper form. The survey that was connected to the paper form will no longer be used. Peace Corps will only use the paper equivalent of the online form attached to this request.

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- 4. Peace Corps has reviewed this enrollment form in order to avoid and identify duplications. While there are Coverdell World Wise Schools' forms that collect some overlapping information, such as name, school affiliation, and contact information, each form is specific to one program offered to educators by Coverdell World Wise Schools and each form is distinctive in the additional information requested of the voluntary teacher participant. Furthermore, the participants of each of the Coverdell World Wise Schools programs are unique, in that the teachers participating in one program are not the same as those participating in our other programs. For the Correspondence Match program, there is no other information collected that can be used to make a suitable match in the Correspondence Match program between currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers and educators. The information collected is unique in that it applies only to the Correspondence Match program and elicits data regarding educators' preferences for Peace Corps Volunteer partner participants.
- 5. The collection of information does not impact small businesses or other small entities.
- 6. This information cannot be collected less frequently than annually, nor does similar information exist, since each year a substantially different group of educators may participate in the program and Peace Corps has approximately a fifty percent change in its Volunteers. This information is collected each time an educator enrolls or re-enrolls in the Correspondence Match program. Re-enrollment occurs at the conclusion of the matched Peace Corps Volunteer's completion of service, early termination, separation, or evacuation.
- 7. There are no special circumstances.
- 8. The agency's notice was published in the Federal Register on July 16, 2010 [75 FR 161, pages 41556]. No public comments were received during the 60-day period.
- 9. No payment or gift is provided to respondents.
- 10. Assurance of privacy provided to respondents is on the Privacy Act notice on the bottom of the electronic form.
- 11. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

12. Number of Respondents: 10,000 Frequency of Response: 1

Completion Time: x 10 minutes

Total Annual Hour Burden of Respondents: 1667 hours

13. There is no total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers.

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- 14. Agency Cost estimates:
  - a) There is no start-up component associated with this submission as this is an OMB approved enrollment form currently in use and up for renewal.
  - b) Estimated labor costs associated with processing and maintaining the collected information

### Program Analyst:

32.00/hour x 835 labor hours (40% of time)/fiscal year = 26,720.00

## Federal Work Study students:

 $4.00/hour \times 375 \text{ labor hours } (75\% \text{ of time})/fiscal year = $1500.00$ 

2 CWWS Federal Work Study students = \$3000.00

Total Labor Costs to the Federal Government (2010): \$29,720.00

- 15. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.
- 16. Coverdell World Wise Schools will not publish the results of the enrollment information. Collection of information does not employ statistical methods. The enrollment form is intended for continuous use.
- 17. The agency plans to display the expiration date for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection on all instruments.
- 18. The agency is able to certify compliance with all provisions under Item 19 of OMB Form 83-I.

### Section B: Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

The collection of information does not employ statistical methods.