

Peace Corps
Peace Corps Office of Third Goal & Returned Volunteer Services
Coverdell World Wise Schools Connections
OMB Control Number xxxx-xxxx
Supporting Statement

Section A: Justification

1. Circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

22 USC 2504(k) states: "In order to assure that the skills and experience which former volunteers have derived from their training and their service abroad are best utilized in the national interest, the [Peace Corps Director] may, in cooperation with agencies of the United States, private employers, educational institutions, and other entities of the United States, undertake programs under which volunteers would be counseled with respect to opportunities for further education and employment."

In order to provide such services, it is necessary for the Peace Corps to collect information from persons requesting interactions with Returned and Current Peace Corps Volunteers to facilitate the World Wise Schools program and provide support during these exchanges.

The Peace Corps Office of Third Goal & Returned Volunteer Service builds awareness of the benefits that Peace Corps Volunteers bring to the United States during their service. The Office of Third Goal & Returned Volunteer Services comprises Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools, Third Goal, Certifications, and Returned Volunteer Services. The Office of Third Goal & Returned Volunteer Services' activities and publications support section 2 of the Peace Corps Act, 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." Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools was established in 1989 in order to bring the inter-cultural experience of Peace Corps Volunteers into the classrooms of the United States. Within the purview of Coverdell World Wise Schools, the Global Connections program connects educators with Peace Corps Volunteer serving overseas.

In order to participate in these programs and connect with a current/returned Volunteer, the educator must complete the Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Request Form.

2. By whom, how, and for what purpose the information is to be used.

The Peace Corps uses the Coverdell World Wise Schools Connections Form to collect essential administrative information from educators and group leaders to use to facilitate connection with current/returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

These forms are the first point of contact with the participating educator. It is Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools' fundamental source of information from educators. The information is used to make a suitable match between the educator and a current/returned Peace Corps Volunteer. The information will be collected annually on a continuous basis and with permissions that may be shared with the

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media, Congress, returned Volunteer groups, educational institutions, and other government agencies including current/returned Volunteers.

3. Consideration of the use of improved information technology.

To improve efficiency in program administration and speed of enrollment, the information will be collected from an online form on the World Wise Schools website. The electronic submission of information is sent through the Peace Corps Website content management program, Wagtail, and managed in CRM.

4. Efforts to identify duplication. Why similar information cannot be used.

Peace Corps has reviewed this enrollment form in order to avoid and identify duplications. There are no other information collections that can be used to make a suitable match in the programs between currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers and educators. The information collected is unique in that it applies only to these two program and elicits data regarding educators' preferences for Peace Corps Volunteer partner participants.

5. Methods to minimize the burden to small business if involved.

The collection of information does not impact small businesses or other small entities.

6. Consequences to the Federal program if collection were conducted less frequently.

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. This information is collected each time an educator make a request through the program.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause the information collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with guidelines.

No special circumstances exist that require the information collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

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8. Consultation.

The agency's 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register on June 6, 2018, 83 FR 26311. No public comments were received. The 30-day notice was published in the Federal Register on July 30, 2018, 83 FR 36634. No public comments were received.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents.

Peace Corps will not provide any payments of gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents.

Assurance of privacy provided to respondents is on the Privacy Act notice on the bottom of the form, as well as the Privacy and freedom of information policies available on every page of the website. A System of Records Notice for this collection is currently under development.

We include this statement on the form:

By submitting this form, I agree to have this information shared with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Peace Corps Volunteers, and Peace Corps staff for the purpose of establishing the requested connection.

11. Additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature.

The request form does not contain any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, etc.

12. Estimates of reporting and recordkeeping hour and cost burdens of the collection of information.

Number of Respondents: 1,000
Frequency of Response: 1
Completion Time: x 20 minutes
Total Annual Hour Burden: 334 hours

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13. Estimates of annualized capital and start-up costs.

Cost estimate to the respondent: \$0.00

14. Estimates of annualized Federal Government costs.

Online Form Development: \$28/hour x 40 hours = \$1120.00

Employee labor to collect information:

Employee \$28/hour x 334 labor hours/fiscal year= \$9,352

Federal Work Study =\$5000/fiscal year

Cost to the Federal Government (2017): \$15,472

15. Explanation of change in burden.

N/A.

16. Information collections data planned to be published for statistical use.

Coverdell World Wise Schools will not publish the results of the enrollment information. Collection of information does not employ statistical methods.

17. Explanation for seeking not to display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.

The agency plans to display the expiration date for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection on all instruments.

18. Exception to the certification statement.

Peace Corps is not seeking exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."

Section B: Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

The collection of information does not employ statistical methods.