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## General Comment

This comment is submitted in support of AmeriCorps' request to renew Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) authorization for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) application

The multi-part application requires local Certifying Organizations (schools, non-profits, faith-based groups) to log, audit, and submit verified volunteer hours across established bronze, silver, gold, and lifetime service thresholds. This collection is the sole mechanism that prevents fraud and ensures Presidential awards are bestowed exclusively on legitimate service contributors. The Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) is statutorily mandated under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to "foster civic engagement through service and volunteering" and expand national volunteer infrastructure. Under Executive Order authorization administered through AmeriCorps, the agency is tasked with establishing objective standards for Presidential civic recognition. Collecting Parts A through E provides the statutory mechanism required to administer this federal program.

The 20-minute requirement represents the minimum administrative input necessary to collect verifiable volunteer hours across multi-tier criteria. The estimated 20 minutes per application represents an efficient and well-calibrated requirement. It gives certifying entities sufficient structure to log and confirm genuine service hours without imposing excessive administrative friction on volunteers or non-profit administrators.

The PVSA information collection achieves a strong balance between administrative efficiency and program integrity