

*Project application* or *VISTA project application* means the application materials prescribed by AmeriCorps to determine an applying entity's eligibility and suitability to operate, oversee, and be responsible for, a VISTA project.

*Project director* or *VISTA project director* means a staff person, of legal age, of the sponsor, who has been assigned by the sponsor the overall responsibility for management of the VISTA project.

*Regional Administrator* means an AmeriCorps official who is the head of a designated region for AmeriCorps and responsible for driving, managing, and overseeing the strategic direction and operations of the Region Office.

*Senior Portfolio Manager* means an AmeriCorps official who reports to a Deputy Regional Administrator and supervises a team of portfolio managers and manages an advanced portfolio of grants and program development.

*Sponsor*, *VISTA sponsor*, or *VISTA project sponsor* means a public agency or private non-profit organization that receives assistance under title I of the DVSA and is responsible for operating and overseeing a VISTA project. A public agency may be a Federal, State, local or Tribal Government.

*State*, when used as a noun, means one of the several States in the United States of America, District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*Stipend* or *end-of-service stipend* means an end-of-service lump-sum monetary benefit from AmeriCorps that is awarded to certain qualifying VISTAs who successfully complete an established term of VISTA service.

*Subrecipient* means a public agency or private non-profit organization that enters into an agreement with a VISTA sponsor to receive one or more VISTAs, and to carry out a set of activities, assisted under this part, to realize the goals of title I of the DVSA. A public agency may be a Federal, State, local or Tribal Government.

*Summer associate* means a VISTA member who is enrolled for VISTA service, during a period between May 1 and September 15, and who is also subject to the terms of subpart H of this part. A summer associate must be

available to provide continuous full-time service for a period of at least eight weeks and a maximum of ten weeks.

*Supervisor* or *VISTA Supervisor* means a staff member, of legal age, of the sponsor or a subrecipient, who has been assigned by the sponsor or the subrecipient the responsibility for day-to-day oversight of one or more VISTAs.

*Tribe* means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaskan native village or regional village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized by the United States or the State in which it resides as eligible for special programs and services provided to Indians because of their status as Indians.

*VISTA Case Manager* means an AmeriCorps official who reports to the VMSU Director and manages service status changes of VISTA members (e.g., removals, terminations, and transfers).

*VISTA member*, a *VISTA*, or *the VISTA* means an individual enrolled full-time in the VISTA program, as authorized under title I of the DVSA.

*VISTA program* means the Federal Government program named Volunteers in Service to America and authorized under title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4950 *et seq.*

*VISTA service* means VISTA service activities performed by a VISTA member while enrolled in the VISTA program.

*VMSU Director* means the AmeriCorps official who is Director of the VISTA Member Support Unit and manages daily operations of the VMSU to provide services to potential, current, and former VISTA members.

#### **§ 2556.7 Are waivers of the regulations in this part allowed?**

Upon a determination of good cause, the Chief Executive Officer of AmeriCorps may, subject to statutory limitations, waive any provisions of this part.