

Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant is requesting authorization to harass the following species of cetaceans annually, over a five year period: humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), during aerial and vessel studies, including in-water work; and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), Blainville's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia spp.*), and dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia spp.*), during aerial surveys. The research will be carried out in waters surrounding all of the major Hawaiian Islands.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

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## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

### Notice of Transmittal of Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2000 to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget

Pursuant to Section 254(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904(b)), the Congressional Budget Office hereby

reports that it has submitted its Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2000 to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

**Dan L. Crippen,**

Director.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Availability of Funds for National Providers of Training and Technical Assistance to Corporation for National and Community Service Programs

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of funds for organizations selected under this Notice to provide training and technical assistance to grantees and subgrantees supported by the Corporation in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 and up to two additional years depending upon need, quality of service and availability of funds. The maximum period of award is three years.

Training and technical assistance will be in the following areas:

1. National Service Program Management (up to \$850,000).
2. Leadership Development (up to \$425,000).
3. Training Design and Materials Development (up to \$250,000).
4. Evaluation (up to \$1,000,000).
5. Increasing Participation of Persons with Disabilities in National Service (up to \$500,000).

The award amounts are approximate and for the first year only and may change depending upon the availability of appropriations and the nature and scope of activities to be supported. An organization may apply to provide services in more than one category. A separate application is needed for each service category listed above.

**Note:** This is a notice for selection of organizations to provide training and technical assistance. This is not a notice for program grant proposals.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received by the Corporation by 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on January 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit proposals to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525, Attention: Cathy Harrison, Room 9810.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Ekstrom or Margie Legowski at the Corporation for National and Community Service, telephone (202) 606-5000, ext. 414, T.D.D. (202) 565-2799. This Notice is available on the Corporation's web site, <http://www.nationalservice.org/research>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service was established in 1993 to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities. The Corporation's national and community service programs provide opportunities for participants to serve full-time and part-time, with or without stipend, as individuals or as part of a team. AmeriCorps\*State, National, VISTA, and National Civilian Community Corps programs engage thousands of Americans on a full, or part-time basis, at over 1,000 locations to help communities meet their toughest challenges. Learn and Serve America integrates service into the academic life or experiences of nearly one million youth from kindergarten through higher education in all 50 states. The National Senior Service Corps utilizes the skills, talents and experience of over 500,000 older Americans to help make communities stronger, safer, healthier and smarter.

AmeriCorps\*State and AmeriCorps\*National programs, which involve over 40,000 Americans each year in results-driven community service, are grant programs managed by: (1) State commissions that select and oversee programs operated by local organizations; (2) national non-profit organizations that act as parent organizations for operating sites across the country; (3) Indian tribes; or (4) U.S. Territories. Learn and Serve America grants provide service-learning opportunities for youth through grants to state education agencies, community-based organizations, and higher education institutions and organizations. The National Senior Service Corps operates through grants to nearly 1,300 local organizations for the Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP), Foster Grandparent (FGP) and Senior Companion (SCP) programs to provide service to their communities. For additional information on the national service programs supported by the Corporation, go to <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

In addition, the Corporation supports the AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and AmeriCorps\*NCCC (National Civilian