meeting with CITA representatives to discuss the alleged violation. After reviewing the evidence and the participant's response, CITA will determine whether a violation occurred and what penalty, if any, is appropriate. Penalties may include temporary or permanent suspension from participation in the Outward Processing Program. In determining the appropriate penalty, CITA will consider all relevant factors, including the seriousness of the violation, previous violations by the participant, the experience of the participant with the Outward Processing Program, and the steps taken by the participant to prevent future violations.

CITA has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisionsof 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 8, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs
Department of Treasury, Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner: This directive sets forth the requirements for participation in the Outward Processing Program for textiles and apparel and provides for enforcement procedures to ensure that these requirements are met.

Effective on January 1, 2000, no quantitative restrictions shall apply to qualifying textile products which are exported from a participating country to the United States under the Outward Processing Program for textiles and apparel. However, products that qualify for Outward Processing Program treatment must be certified by the participating government and shall be monitored by the U.S. Customs Service. Each shipment must be certified by the placement of the original square-shaped stamped marking in blue ink on the front of the commercial invoice. Qualifying products must be either manufactured (that is, both cut and assembled) in a participating country or cut in the United States and assembled in a participating country and must be assembled or manufactured (that is, both cut and assembled) from fabric formed in the United States.

General Requirements; Qualifying Products

In order to qualify for Outward Processing Program treatment, qualifying wool apparel products must meet the following requirements:

(1) the product must be either manufactured from fabric that is both cut and assembled in a participating country, or from fabric which is cut in the United States and assembled in a participating country. A participating country is a country with which the United States has entered into a bilateral agreement regarding the Outward Processing Program;

(2) the product must be assembled or manufactured (that is, both cut and assembled) from fabric which is formed in the United States; i.e., all fabric components of the product must be U.S. formed. This requirement applies to all textile components of the product, including linings and pocketing except as provided in (4) below. Greige goods imported into, and then finished in, the United States are not considered fabric formed in the United States. Fabric that is woven or knitted in the United States from yarn is considered U.S. formed;

(3) the importer of the qualifying wool apparel product and the exporter of the U.S. formed fabric or its component parts must be the same entity or person;

(4) findings and trimmings of non-U.S. origin may be incorporated into the product provided they do not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the fabric in the product. Findings and trimmings include sewing thread, hooks and eyes, snaps, buttons, ''bow buds,'' decorative lace trim, zippers, including zipper tapes, and labels;

(5) upon entry into the United States, the product must be classified under a subheading of heading 9802 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) created to capture such trade (9802.00.8016) or qualify for the special ''S'' prefix indicating the item was produced with U.S. formed fabric.

Nothing in these requirements precludes performing any operation in the United States.

Record keeping Requirements

Participants are required to retain the following documents for review by Customs:

(1) entry documents made during the quarter;

(2) design style costing sheets or similar documents providing a complete description of the assembled products;

(3) cutting tickets (if the fabric is cut in the United States) including the name and location of the cutting facility for those entries;

(4) mill invoices, including the name of the mill where the fabric was formed. If the fabric was purchased from a third party, the participant is responsible for obtaining the mill invoice. The participant must also obtain a signed statement from a principal at the mill that the fabric is of U.S. origin. This can be stated directly on the invoice or on a separate document that relates to each specific shipment of fabric. Vertically integrated participants, i.e., participants that both for and cut fabric must retain an internal transfer document or other documentary proof that they formed the fabric in the United States;

(5) transportation documents if fabric is cut in the United States (mill to cutting facility; cutting facility to border/assembler); and

(6) export documentation.

The participant is obligated to maintain the above documents by calendar quarter, by country, and by category, and must retain them for three years from the date of the exportation of the U.S. formed fabric or U.S. formed and cut fabric. The documents must be organized and filed (preferably in a single location) to facilitate U.S. customs review.

Enforcement Procedures and Penalties

All shipments entered pursuant to the Outward Processing Program shall be monitored. To facilitate the implementation and enforcement of the Outward Processing Program, Customs is directed to require entry/entry-summary procedures for all imports for consumption and withdrawals from warehouse for consumption under the Outward Processing Program.

In order to determine that participants in the Outward Processing Program comply fully with the requirements set forth in this notice, Customs will conduct Post Entry Compliance reviews. These reviews will be conducted for entries made for the first quarter of 2000 and shall continue for each successive quarter. During the course of such review, the participant must provide Customs officials with evidence, through the documents described above, that all products entered under the Outward Processing Program qualify for Outward Processing Program treatment. Customs shall inform CITA of any violations of the program.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisionsof 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Availability of Application Guidelines and Pre-application Conference Calls for Potential Applicants for AmeriCorps*National Direct Program Funds

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of application guidelines and pre-application technical assistance conference calls.

SUMMARY: We have scheduled two conference calls to provide technical assistance to national non-profits and multi-state organizations interested in applying for AmeriCorps*National Direct program funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for either of the two conference calls contact Marlene Zakai, (202) 606–5000, ext. 536. T.D.D. (202) 565–2799. For individuals with disabilities, we will make information available in alternative formats upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AmeriCorps is the national service

program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting critical education, public safety, environmental, and other human needs. Each year, we provide funds to programs operated by national non-profits to support projects such as tutoring children, restoring streams and parks, building playgrounds and housing, assisting elders, and serving in health clinics. For more information about the activities we support and to access a copy of the National Direct Guidelines, visit our web site: http://www.nationalservice.org.

We have scheduled two conference calls regarding the application processes for AmeriCorps*National Direct grants. The conference calls will assist participants in understanding funding opportunities at the Corporation, tips on preparing a successful application for the 2000 AmeriCorps*National Direct grant competitions, and the framework objectives for an AmeriCorps program.

Conference Calls

Dates: February 4, 2000 or February 11, 2000.

Time: 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Eastern time.

Phone Number: (800) 662–0816 (toll-free) or (202) 260–7915.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

Peter Heinaru,

*Director, AmeriCorps*State/National, Corporation for National and Community Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB review; comment request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Candidate Application Procedures for the United States Naval Academy; USNA GRE 1531/34 USNA GRB 1110/11, 1110/12, 1110/14, 1110/15, 1110/17, 1110/18, 1110/22, Form T325; OMB Number 0703–0036.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 10,000.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 40,000.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to determine the eligibility and evaluate overall competitive standing of candidates for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. An analysis of the information collected is made by the Admissions Board during the process in order to gauge the qualifications of individual candidates.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: December 8, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Regional Technology in Education Consortia.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 50; Burden Hours: 8,000.

Abstract: Applications are required to receive grants under the Regional Technology in Education Consortia Program (CFDA #84.302A), and recipients are selected competitively. This package provides potential applicants with guidance as to the program's requirements and the manner in which to prepare and submit their application for funding.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grants Information Collections (1890–0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be