

impacts on the human environment from issuance of the authorization and the alternatives to the proposed action. No comments were received on that document and, on July 18, 1996, NMFS concluded that neither implementation of the proposed authorization for the harassment of small numbers of several species of marine mammals incidental to conducting seismic surveys during the open water season in the U.S. Beaufort Sea nor the alternatives to that action would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. As a result, the preparation of an environmental impact statement on this action is not required by section 102(2) of NEPA or its implementing regulations.

In 1999, NMFS determined that a new EA was warranted based on the proposed construction of the Northstar project, the collection of data from 1996 through 1998 on Beaufort Sea marine mammals and the impacts of seismic activities on these mammals, and the analysis of scientific data indicating that bowheads avoid nearshore seismic operations by up to about 20 km (12.4 mi). Accordingly, a review of the impacts expected from the issuance of an IHA has been assessed in both the EA and in this document, and NMFS has determined that there will be no more than a negligible impact on marine mammals from the issuance of the harassment authorization and that there will not be any unmitigable impacts to subsistence communities, provided the mitigation measures required under the authorization are implemented. As a result, NMFS determined that neither implementation of the authorization for the harassment of small numbers of several species of marine mammals incidental to conducting seismic surveys during the open water season in the U.S. Beaufort Sea nor the alternatives to that action would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. As a result, the preparation of additional NEPA documentation on this action is not required by section 102(2) of NEPA or by its implementing regulations.

### Conclusions

NMFS has preliminarily determined that the short-term impact of conducting seismic surveys in the U.S. Beaufort Sea will result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior by certain species of cetaceans and possibly by pinnipeds. While behavioral modifications may be made by these species to avoid the resultant noise, this behavioral change is expected to have a negligible impact on the animals.

While the number of potential incidental harassment takes will depend on the distribution and abundance of marine mammals (which vary annually due to variable ice conditions and other factors) in the area of seismic operations, due to the distribution and abundance of marine mammals during the projected period of activity and the location of the proposed seismic activity in waters generally too shallow and distant from the edge of the pack ice for most marine mammals of concern, the number of potential harassment takings is estimated to be small. In addition, no take by injury and/or death is anticipated, and the potential for temporary or permanent hearing impairment will be avoided through the incorporation of the mitigation measures mentioned in this document. No rookeries, mating grounds, areas of concentrated feeding, or other areas of special significance for marine mammals occur within or near the planned area of operations during the season of operations.

Because bowhead whales are east of the seismic area in the Canadian Beaufort Sea until late August/early September, seismic activities are not expected to impact subsistence hunting of bowhead whales prior to that date. Between September 1, 2000, until 1 day after the OBC seismic operations end or until September 15 (whichever comes first), aerial survey flights for bowhead whale assessments are proposed to be undertaken by Western Geophysical. If OBC seismic work is suspended during the bowhead subsistence hunting season, but resumes later in the autumn, aerial surveys will commence (or resume) when OBC seismic work resumes. Western Geophysical proposes to continue aerial surveys either until 1 day after OBC seismic work ends, or until a total of 15 days of aerial surveys have been conducted during September–October 2000, whichever comes first. It should be noted that the proposed duration for aerial surveys would be a reduction from previous years. Western Geophysical believes this reduction is appropriate because some of the main questions about disturbance to bowhead whales from a nearshore seismic operation have been answered through the 1996–1998 monitoring projects. In addition, MMS expects to conduct its broad-scale aerial survey work from approximately August 31 until the end of the bowhead migration in October. Western Geophysical believes that this combined aerial survey data will provide sufficient information to estimate the numbers of bowheads taken by harassment.

Appropriate mitigation measures to avoid an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of bowhead whales for subsistence needs will be the subject of consultation between Western Geophysical and subsistence users.

Also, while open-water seismic exploration in the U.S. Beaufort Sea has some potential to influence seal hunting activities by residents of Nuiqsut, because (1) the peak sealing season is during the winter months, (2) the main summer sealing is off the Colville Delta, and (3) the zone of influence by seismic sources on beluga and seals is fairly small, NMFS believes that Western Geophysical's seismic survey will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses.

### Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue an IHA for the 2000 Beaufort Sea open water season for a seismic survey, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed seismic activity would result in the harassment of only small numbers of bowhead whales, beluga whales, ringed seals, bearded seals, and possibly spotted seals and gray whales; would have no more than a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks; and would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of marine mammal stocks for subsistence uses.

### Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, and information, concerning this request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: April 17, 2000.

**Donald R. Knowles,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Availability of Funds for Grants to Support New Senior Companion Projects

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter, the "Corporation") announces the availability of approximately \$1,000,000 for grants to support five new Senior

Companion Projects in geographic areas that do not fall within approved service areas of current Senior Companion Projects. Individual grant awards will be approximately \$200,000 to cover the costs of 45 Senior Companions for twelve months. The purpose of the Senior Companion Program (SCP) is to provide opportunities for income eligible individuals 60 years of age and over to serve frail adults.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) July 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Five original signature copies of the application must be submitted to the following address: Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525 Attn: Mr. John Keller. The Corporation will not accept applications that are submitted via facsimile or e-mail transmission. Applications submitted via overnight mail that arrive after the closing date will be accepted if they are postmarked at least two days prior to the closing date. Otherwise, late applications will not be accepted.

*Applications:* Applications can be obtained by contacting the appropriate Corporation State office listed below. A copy of the Federal Regulations that govern the SCP will be included with the application package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact John Keller at 202-606-5000 ext. 285. TDD (202) 565-2799. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that encourages Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In supporting service programs, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) is authorized by the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Public Law 93-113, Title II, Part B, 42 U.S.C. 5013) and provides opportunities for income eligible individuals 60 years of age and over to serve adults with special needs. The SCP was launched in 1974

with its first 11 projects. Today there are over 14,000 Senior Companions serving 61,900 frail adults annually in 207 local SCP projects. These Senior Companions provide high quality and reliable personal support to adults, primarily frail elderly, experiencing difficulties with activities of daily living, allowing them to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. The SCP focuses on those with moderate physical, mental or emotional impairments who are without adequate family support and who in the absence of non-medical support services would be at risk of institutionalization. Senior Companions also assist clients in patient discharge programs at acute care, mental health, and long-term care facilities to make the transition to living in less restrictive community settings. Some Senior Companions provide short-term respite for primary care givers of frail adults in times of special need.

**B. Purpose**

The purpose of the new Senior Companion Projects is to expand the program to serve new geographic locations currently unserved by the program. It is expected that the new projects will create quality opportunities for seniors to provide in-home assistance to frail adults, enabling them to live independently.

**C. Eligible Applicants**

Public agencies (including state and local agencies and other units of government), non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. Sponsors of Senior Companion Projects that receive no funds from the Corporation, other than funding for Programs of National Significance (PNS), are eligible to apply. Current sponsors of Senior Companion Projects funded by the Corporation are not eligible to apply. However, an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4)) that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for volunteers, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program.

**D. Number of Awards**

The Corporation intends to fund five projects in approved service areas that do not currently have a local project of the Senior Companion Program.

**E. Suggested Amounts of Awards**

The average amount of awards will be approximately \$200,000.

**F. Program Period of Performance**

The program period for all grants is twelve months. Future funding is contingent on performance and the availability of appropriations.

**G. Submission Requirements**

To be considered for funding, applicants must submit five copies of the following:

- (1) An Application for Federal Assistance, Form 424-NSSC
  - Part I—Facesheet (Modified Standard Form 424-with original signature)
  - Part II—Budget (NSSC Form 424A-with accompanying Budget Narrative)
  - Part IV—Attachments
  - Part V—Assurances (Form 424B-with original signature)
  - Part VI—Certifications (Form 424C-with original signature)
- (2) A Project Narrative with completed Project Planning and Reporting Workplans
- (3) Verification of status as a non-profit organization as described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (if a non-profit organization)

**H. Selection Criteria**

The Corporation will initially determine: (1) whether the organization is eligible; (2) whether the application contains the information required in the application materials, and (3) whether the geographic location of the proposed project is an approved geographic service area that does not currently have a federally funded SCP.

After this initial screening, the Corporation will select and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

- (1) Program Design (60%):
  - (a) Getting Things Done: meeting community needs.
  - (b) Strengthening Communities.
  - (c) Fostering Participant Development.
- (2) Organizational Capacity (25%)
- (3) Budget/Cost-Effectiveness (15%)

The Corporation will take into consideration the following factors after the proposals are assessed:

*Geographic location:* The Corporation will assure a mix of urban and rural sites.

*Diversity:* The Corporation will select organizations whose local projects have the capacity to recruit ethnic and racial minorities, males and persons with disabilities.

**I. Applicable Regulations**

Regulations governing the SCP are located in 45 CFR Part 2551.

**J. Program Authority**

Corporation Authority to make these grants is codified in 42 U.S.C. 4950 *et seq.*

## CORPORATION STATE OFFICE INFORMATION

State Office	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	FAX
AK .....	Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3190.	Seattle .....	WA .....	98174-1103	(206) 220-7736	(206) 553-4415
AL .....	Medical Forum, 950 22nd St., N., Suite 428.	Birmingham .....	AL .....	35203	(205) 731-0027	(205) 731-0031
AR .....	Federal Building, Room 2506, 700 West Capitol Street.	Little Rock .....	AR .....	72201	(501) 324-5234	(501) 324-6949
AZ .....	522 North Central Room 205A .....	Phoenix .....	AZ .....	80504-2190	(602) 379-4825	(602) 379-4030
CA .....	11150 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 670 .....	Los Angeles .....	CA .....	90064	(310) 235-7421	(310) 235-7422
CO .....	999 Eighteenth Street, Suite 1440 South	Denver .....	CO .....	80202	(303) 312-7952	(303) 312-7954
CT .....	1 Commercial Plaza, 21st Floor .....	Hartford .....	CT .....	06103-3510	(860) 240-3237	(860) 240-3238
FL .....	3165 McCrory Street, Suite 115 .....	Orlando .....	FL .....	32803-3750	(407) 648-6117	(407) 648-6116
GA .....	75 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., Room 902 .....	Atlanta .....	GA .....	30303-2587	(404) 331-4646	(404) 331-2898
HI .....	300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 6213 .....	Honolulu .....	HI .....	96850-0001	(808) 541-2832	(808) 541-3603
IA .....	Federal Building, Room 917, 210 Walnut Street.	Des Moines .....	IA .....	50309-2195	(515) 284-4816	(515) 284-6640
ID .....	304 North 8th Street, Room 344 .....	Boise .....	ID .....	83702-5835	(208) 334-1707	(208) 334-1421
IL .....	77 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 442 .....	Chicago .....	IL .....	60604-3511	(312) 353-3622	(312) 353-5343
IN .....	46 East Ohio Street, Room 457 .....	Indianapolis .....	IN .....	46204-1922	(317) 226-6724	(317) 226-5437
KS .....	444 S.E. Quincy, Room 260 .....	Topeka .....	KS .....	66683-3572	(785) 295-2540	(785) 295-2596
KY .....	600 Martin L. King Place, Room 372-D .....	Louisville .....	KY .....	40202-2230	(502) 582-6384	(502) 582-6386
LA .....	707 Florida Street, Suite 316 .....	Baton Rouge .....	LA .....	70801	(504) 389-0471	(504) 389-0510
MA/VT .....	10 Causeway Street, Room 473 .....	Boston .....	MA .....	02222-1038	(617) 565-7001	(617) 565-7011
MD/DE .....	Fallon Federal Bldg., 31 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 400-B.	Baltimore .....	MD .....	21201	(410) 962-4443	(410) 962-3201
MI .....	211 West Fort Street, Suite 1408 .....	Detroit .....	MI .....	48226-2799	(313) 226-7848	(313) 226-2557
MN .....	431 South 7th Street, Room 2480 .....	Minneapolis .....	MN .....	55415-1854	(612) 334-4083	(612) 334-4084
MO .....	801 Walnut Street, Suite 504 .....	Kansas City .....	MO .....	64106-2009	(816) 374-6300	(816) 374-6305
MS .....	100 West Capitol Street, Room 1005A .....	Jackson .....	MS .....	39269-1092	(601) 965-5664	(601) 965-4671
MT .....	208 North Montana Avenue, Suite 206 .....	Helena .....	MT .....	59601-3837	(406) 449-5404	(406) 449-5412
N/SD .....	225 S. Pierre Street, Room 225 .....	Pierre .....	SD .....	57501-2452	(605) 224-5996	(605) 224-9201
NC .....	300 Fayetteville Street Mall, Room 131 .....	Raleigh .....	NC .....	27601-1739	(919) 856-4731	(919) 856-4738
NE .....	Federal Building, Room 156, 100 Centennial Mall North.	Lincoln .....	NE .....	68508-3896	(402) 437-5493	(402) 437-5495
NH/ME .....	1 Pillsbury Street, Suite 201 .....	Concord .....	NH .....	03301-3556	(603) 225-1450	(603) 225-1459
NJ .....	44 South Clinton Ave., Room 702 .....	Trenton .....	NJ .....	08609-1507	(609) 989-2243	(609) 989-2304
NM .....	120 S. Federal Place, Room 315 .....	Sante Fe .....	NM .....	87501-2026	(505) 988-6577	(505) 988-6661
NV .....	4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite E-141 .....	Reno .....	NV .....	89502-5033	(775) 784-5314	(775) 784-5026
NY .....	Clinton Ave. & Pearl St., Room 818 .....	Albany .....	NY .....	12207	(518) 431-4150	(518) 431-4154
OH .....	51 North High Street, Suite 451 .....	Columbus .....	OH .....	43215	(614) 469-7441	(614) 469-2125
OK .....	215 Dean A. McGee, Suite 324 .....	Oklahoma City .....	OK .....	73102	(405) 231-5201	(405) 231-4329
OR .....	2010 Lloyd Center .....	Portland .....	OR .....	97232	(503) 231-2103	(503) 231-2106
PA .....	Robert N.C. Nix Federal Bldg., 900 Market St., Suite 229.	Philadelphia .....	PA .....	19107	(215) 597-2806	(215) 597-2807
PR/VI .....	150 Carlos Chardon Ave., Suite 662 .....	San Juan .....	PR .....	00918-1737	(787) 766-5314	(787) 766-5189
RI .....	400 Westminster Street, Room 203 .....	Providence .....	RI .....	2903	(401) 528-5426	(401) 528-5220
SC .....	1835 Assembly Street, Suite 872 .....	Columbia .....	SC .....	29201-2430	(803) 765-5771	(803) 765-5777
TN .....	265 Cumberland Bend Drive .....	Nashville .....	TN .....	37228	(615) 736-5561	(615) 736-7937
TX .....	903 San Jacinto, Suite 130 .....	Austin .....	TX .....	78701-3747	(512) 916-5671	(512) 916-5806
UT .....	350 S. Main Street, Room 504 .....	Salt Lake City .....	UT .....	84101-2198	(801) 524-5411	(801) 524-3599
VA/DC .....	400 North 8th Street, Suite 446 P.O. Box 10066.	Richmond .....	VA .....	23240-1832	(804) 771-2197	(804) 771-2157
WA .....	Jackson Federal Bldg., Suite 3190, 915 Second Ave.	Seattle .....	WA .....	98174-1103	(206) 220-7745	(206) 553-4415
WI .....	310 W. Wisconsin Ave., Room 1240 .....	Milwaukee .....	WI .....	53203-2211	(414) 297-1118	(414) 297-1863
WV .....	10 Hale Street, Suite 203 .....	Charleston .....	WV .....	25301-1409	(304) 347-5246	(304) 347-5464
WY .....	Federal Building, Room 1110, 2120 Capitol Avenue.	Cheyenne .....	WY .....	82001-3649	(307) 772-2385	(307) 772-2389

Dated: April 18, 2000.

**Gary Kowalczyk,**

*Coordinator, National Service Programs,  
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, Form Number, and OMB Number:* DoD Educational Loan Repayment Program (LRP); DD Form 2475; OMB Number 0704-0152.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 27,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 27,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 4,500.

*Needs and Uses:* Title 10 USC 2171, 16301, and 16302 authorize the Military Services to repay Federal student loans for individuals who meet certain criteria and who enlist for active military service or enter the Selected Reserves for a specified obligation period. Legislation requires that the Services verify the status of the loan prior to payment. The DD Form 2475, DoD Educational Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Annual Application, collects the necessary verification data from lending institutions.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*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: April 18, 2000.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Defense Information Systems Agency**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of  
Records**

**AGENCY:** Defense Information Systems Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to delete and amend systems of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Information Systems Agency is proposing to delete three notices and amend one system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This action will be effective on May 24, 2000 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Privacy Act Officer, Defense Information Systems Agency, CIO/D03A, 3701 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1713.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tommie Gregg at (703) 696-4331.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Defense Information Systems Agency systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

**DELETIONS  
KDEC.03**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Classified Material Receipt Authorization List (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10562).

**REASON:**

Records formerly maintained under this system of records notice are now covered under KDEC.02, entitled, Authorization to Sign for Classified Material List.

**KDEC.04**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Authority to Review/Sign for Classified Messages at 1918 Communications Center (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10562).

**REASON:**

Records formerly maintained under this system of records notice are now covered under KDEC.02, entitled, Authorization to Sign for Classified Material List.

**KDEC.05**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Access Listing to Classified Material (NATO) (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10562).

**REASON:**

NATO classified documents are no longer delivered to DITCO at Scott Air Force Base, IL. Therefore, the system of records is no longer needed. All records have been destroyed.

**AMENDMENT  
KDEC.02**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Authorization to Sign for Classified Material List (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10562).

**CHANGES:**

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**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with 'Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization (DITCO) personnel who are authorized to review, sign for, receive, and distribute classified materials.'

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with 'Records consist of a letter containing the name, Social Security Number, and grade of individuals authorized to review, sign for, receive, and distribute classified materials.'

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with 'E.O. 10450, as amended; E.O. 10865, as amended; E.O. 12356; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).'

**PURPOSE(S):**

Delete entry and replace with 'Information is used by the Chief,