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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Permits; Foreign Fishing

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice to U.S. vessel owners of need for break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels.

SUMMARY: NMFS provides notice to U.S. vessel owners of the need for break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels to support approved foreign fishing operations in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

ADDRESSES: Additional information on this action may be obtained from NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) (Magnuson-Stevens Act), any person may submit an application requesting a permit authorizing a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the EEZ or, with the concurrence of a State, within the boundaries of that State, to a point outside the United States.

Potential joint venture (JV) partners have reported that they will need to have a number of break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels permitted under section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act to support approved foreign fishing operations in the EEZ. The JV partners have reported that arrangements for such support vessels must generally be made on short notice immediately prior to the need for transport services. The JV partners have also reported that they are not aware of the availability of any U.S.-flag break-bulk refrigerated cargo

vessels and that it will therefore be necessary for them to employ foreign break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels to support their operations.

In the interest of expediting the issuance of required permits and in accordance with section 204(d)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the JV partners have requested and received from the New England Fishery Management Council and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, a recommendation that any break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels required to support approved foreign fishing operations in the EEZ be permitted under section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

In accordance with section 204(d)(3)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NMFS is notifying interested parties of the need of the JV partners for break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels to transship processed fishery products at sea and transport the products to points outside the United States. Further information about the requirements of the JV partners is available from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). Owners or operators of vessels of the United States who purport to have vessels with adequate capacity to perform the required transportation at fair and reasonable rates should indicate their interest in doing so to NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will provide notice of such interest to any 204(d) permit applicant(s) and consider such interest in making a determination in accordance with section 204(d)(3)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

In consideration of the Councils' recommendation, the apparent lack of available U.S.-flag break-bulk refrigerated cargo vessels (as reported by the JV partners), and the requirement to process and issue on short notice permits requested in accordance with section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, until an owner or operator of a vessel of the United States having adequate capacity to perform the required transportation at fair and reasonable rates is identified, NMFS intends to approve as expeditiously as possible all complete applications for 204(d) transshipment permits submitted by U.S. JV partners in support of approved foreign fishing operations in the EEZ.

Dated: June 26, 2003.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps*VISTA Program Grants

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the 'Corporation') announces the availability of approximately \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2003 funds to award AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants to eligible nonprofit and public organizations. The Corporation anticipates making between 5 and 15 AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants under this announcement. Each grant budget will support a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 50 AmeriCorps*VISTA members on a full-time basis for one year of service. The Corporation will make awards covering a period not to exceed one year with a potential for an additional two years of funding, contingent upon satisfactory performance, the availability of funds, and other criteria established in the award agreement. These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Corporation is not bound by any estimate in this notice. Publication of this announcement does not obligate the Corporation to award any specific number of grants or to obligate the entire amount of funds available, or any part thereof, for grants under the AmeriCorps*VISTA program. Applicable regulations include the uniform administrative requirements for grants and agreements with institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations, 45 CFR part 2543 or the uniform administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to State and local governments, 45 CFR part 2541. AmeriCorps*VISTA assigns individuals 18 years and older, on a full-time, year-long basis, to public and private nonprofit organizations whose goals are in accord with AmeriCorps*VISTA's legislative mission. (42 U.S.C. 4951) The purpose of these program grants is to create and expand opportunities for low income individuals in one of the following broad areas: (1) Children and youth; (2) welfare to work; (3) financial asset development; (4) seniors in poverty, and (5) homeland security. AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects in these initiatives will focus on (1) local or state organizations working alone or in conjunction with local affiliates that share a vision and common goal of

working with low-income communities to achieve long-lasting antipoverty objectives; (2) promotion of partnerships and collaboration between the public and private sectors including businesses, community-based organizations (secular and faith-based) and other service programs; (3) recruitment, training, and coordination of local volunteers; (4) mobilization of resources needed to support the project; and (5) development of a sustainable capacity in local communities. While there is no specific match requirement, the level of matching contributions will also be considered in final application selection.

Eligible applicants for AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants supporting these initiatives must be private non-profit or public organizations. AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsoring organizations may apply without affecting the status of their current projects. However, applicants must differentiate between this grant's proposed activities and those of the currently-funded program or pending application. Eligible nonprofit and public organizations, including those that have not applied for federal assistance from the Corporation in the past, as well as interested community-based organizations (secular and faith-based), are encouraged to apply.

Note: This notice is not a complete description of the activities to be funded or of the application requirements. For supplementary information and application guidelines go to the Corporation's Web site at <http://www.cns.gov/whatshot/notices.html>. You can also find more information about AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsorship in general at <http://www.americorps.org/vista/sponsorinfo.html>.

DATES: Applications must be received at the Corporation by 5 p.m. on August 15, 2003. We anticipate announcing selections under this Notice no later than September 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit your application to the following address: Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Stop 9100, Washington, DC 20525. Due to delays in delivery of regular mail to government offices, there is no guarantee that an application sent by regular mail will arrive in time to be considered. We therefore suggest that you use U.S.P.S. priority mail or a commercial overnight delivery service to make sure that you meet the deadline. We will not accept an application that is submitted via facsimile. Applications for AmeriCorps*VISTA will not be accepted via eGrants at this time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Daly at (202) 606-5000 ext. 378, or by e-mail at vista@americorps.org. The TDD number is 202-565-2799. For a printed copy of this NOFA and the supplementary information and application guidelines (available online), contact Ms. Daly at (202) 606-5000 ext. 378. Upon request, this information will be made available in alternate formats for people with disabilities.

Dated: June 26, 2003.

David Caprara,

*Director, AmeriCorps*VISTA.*

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps*VISTA Program Grants in the Southwest Cluster

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") announces the availability of approximately \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2003 funds to award AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants to eligible nonprofit and public organizations providing services in the Corporation's Southwest cluster (AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX). Applicant organizations are not required to be geographically-based in the nine-state southwest cluster, so long as the proposed grant activities will provide services within one or more of those nine states. The Corporation anticipates making between 5 and 8 AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants under this announcement. Each grant budget will support a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 40 AmeriCorps*VISTA members on a full-time basis for one year of service. The Corporation will make awards covering a period not to exceed one year with a potential for an additional two years of funding, contingent upon satisfactory performance, the availability of funds, and other criteria established in the award agreement. These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Corporation is not bound by any estimate in this notice. Publication of this announcement does not obligate the Corporation to award any specific number of grants or to obligate the entire amount of funds available, or any part thereof, for grants under the AmeriCorps*VISTA program.

Applicable regulations include the uniform administrative requirements for grants and agreements with institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations, 45 CFR part 2543 or the uniform administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to State and local governments, 45 CFR Part 2541.

AmeriCorps*VISTA assigns individuals 18 years and older, on a full-time, year-long basis, to public and private nonprofit organizations whose goals are in accord with AmeriCorps*VISTA's legislative mission. (42 U.S.C. 4951) The purpose of these program grants is to create and expand opportunities for individuals in one of the following two areas: (1) homeland security and (2) seniors in poverty.

Preference will be given to AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects serving as "umbrella sponsorships" where the applicant provides fiscal and programmatic capacity on behalf of small, community-based (secular and faith based) organizations, and/or local sites of the sponsoring organization. Applicants should be local, state or national organizations working alone or in conjunction with local affiliates that share a vision and common goal of working with low-income communities to achieve long-lasting antipoverty objectives. Proposed projects should focus on:

(1) Promotion of partnerships and collaboration between the public and private sectors including businesses, community-based organizations (secular and faith-based) and other service programs;

(2) Recruitment, training, and coordination of local volunteers;

(3) Mobilization of resources needed to support the project; and

(4) Development of a sustainable capacity in local communities.

While there is no specific match requirement, the level of matching contributions will also be considered in the final application selection.

Eligible applicants for AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants supporting these initiatives must be private non-profit or public organizations. AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsoring organizations may apply without affecting the status of their current projects. However, applicants must differentiate between this grant's proposed activities and those of the currently-funded program or pending application. Projects should be state-based (one legal applicant with site(s) in one or more of the nine states in the Southwest region—AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX) to be considered.