

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**AmeriCorps Online Payment System Launched**

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service is announcing a new online payment system that will allow Segal AmeriCorps Education Award payment requests and other benefits-related requests from AmeriCorps members to be submitted and processed online. The new system eliminates the need to submit and process paper forms, while increasing the accuracy of the data and the speed with which payments are made. The new system became available for institutions registration on August 16, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Yetter, National Service Trust, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1225 New York Ave., Washington, DC 20004, tel: 202-606-7547. Additional information can also be found on the AmeriCorps Web site, www.AmeriCorps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Service Trust (Trust), an office of the Corporation for National and Community Service, administers Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards on behalf of AmeriCorps members. These awards include the payment of interest accrued on student loans during members' terms of service and the payment of educational expenses or outstanding qualified student loan balances. The Trust is embarking on a landmark project to improve the way it does business with its members and partner institutions by automating these processes.

Beginning August 2006, AmeriCorps members and partner institutions will have access to the new online payment system where they will be able to submit and process Segal AmeriCorps Education Award payments and other requests completely online. AmeriCorps members will be able to register for the system as soon as they have been enrolled in their AmeriCorps program. Online registration by institutions became available on August 16th, and we encourage both financial and education institutions to sign up as soon as possible to be able to receive and process payment requests online. Registration for members will begin a week after we open registration for institutions. At that point, AmeriCorps members will also be able to submit

requests and begin to experience the benefits of the system. Registering for the system will be a simple and secure process, and once online, members and institutions will immediately be able to reap the benefits of the automated online payment process. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Quicker turn-around of payments

Institutions will receive payments much sooner than with the old paper-based process, reducing the turnaround time from 30 days to seven or less depending on when in a payment cycle a request is processed.

- Reduces administrative burden

Certain information will be auto-populated and verified by the system, thereby reducing the administrative burden of completing requests and rejections due to faulty or missing information. Additionally, electronic forms remove the problem of paper forms that are illegible or damaged due to irradiation.

- Eliminates need to scan and copy documents

The AmeriCorps online system creates an electronic record of the former paper form, eliminating the need to scan and copy documents for storage.

- Reduces mailing costs

The new system will eliminate the time and cost of mailing documents and paper forms.

- View up to date account information

Account information and available balances will be updated in real time and can be viewed from your homepage. Users can also track the status of pending requests and payments online.

- Designed to be user friendly

The new system is simple and easy to use. No training is necessary.

- Provides accessible help and information features

Definitions of terminology and help text explaining procedures are readily available from multiple areas on the site.

The Corporation for National and Community Service expects the online payment system to provide much faster, more accurate, and cost-effective service to our partner institutions and AmeriCorps members and alumni. Please visit www.AmeriCorps.gov for the latest updates as this new system is implemented.

Dated: August 23, 2006.

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Director, National Service Trust.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

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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).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 29, 2006.

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire; DD Form 2737; OMB Control Number 0704-0377.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 12,800.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 12,800.

Average Burden per Response: 12 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 153,600.

Needs and Uses: The Industrial Capability Questionnaire will be used by all Services and the Defense Logistics Agency to gather business, industrial capability (employment labor skills, facilities, equipment, processes and technology), and manufactured item information to conduct required industrial assessments and support DoD planning and decisions. The questionnaires are directed at key industrial facilities supporting DoD requirements.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and

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

You may also submit comments identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are