

*Innovation Program.* The guide explains how interested parties can participate in helping to develop new areas for future competitions for the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) by offering ideas in the form of a white paper. These white papers will be used by TIP staff in an effort to create a pipeline of societal challenges suitable for future funding opportunities. Societal challenges are problems that are not being addressed or funded but that could be addressed by innovative technologies and high-risk, high-reward research. The creative thoughts put forth in these white papers will be used to leverage nationally-recognized science and technology reports, knowledge from NIST, other government agencies, scientific advisory bodies, industry organizations, and leading researchers from academic institutions.

TIP uses white papers to shape future competitions. The pertinent ideas, concepts and knowledge offered by stakeholders in these white papers combined with information from a variety of other sources, enable TIP to identify and address areas of critical national need and associated societal challenges suitable for TIP investment.

## II. Method of Collection

Electronically via  
tipwhitepaper@nist.gov.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Federal government; State, local and tribal governments; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; and scientific advisory bodies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 400.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$700.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 2009.

### Gwellnar Banks,

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled the AmeriCorps NCCC Service Project Application to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mrs. Kelly DeGraff (202) 606-6817. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

- (1) *By fax to:* (202) 395-6974, *Attention:* Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) *Electronically by e-mail to:* smar@omb.eop.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

### Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 2009. This comment period ended December 16. No public comments were received from this Notice.

*Description:* The AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, residential, national service program that combines the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service. The mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through team-based national and community service. Each year, hundreds of young adults serve as NCCC members. Based at campuses in communities in several states, teams take on projects throughout their regions. Members help communities meet needs in the areas of natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Teams are available to help community and faith-based organizations, national nonprofits, schools, local municipalities, national and state parks, and Indian tribes. Members tutor students, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, build and repair trails, help citizens prepare for and respond to natural and other disasters, lead and manage community volunteers, and address other local needs. Service projects typically last from six to eight weeks. Because members are trained in disaster services and wild land fire fighting, they can be reassigned on short notice to support disaster relief operations.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* AmeriCorps NCCC Service project Application.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0010.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Current/prospective AmeriCorps NCCC Project Sponsors.

*Total Respondents:* 1200 annually.

*Frequency:* Rolling application process.

*Average Time per Response:* Averages 7.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 9000 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Dated: December 17, 2009.

**Mikel Herrington,**

*Acting Director, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.*

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## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of its Learn and Serve America Progress Report. These reports must be completed by all Learn and Serve America grantees in order to ensure appropriate Federal oversight, determine progress toward meeting program objectives and make decisions related to continuation funding.

Learn and Serve America provides grants to state education agencies,

higher education institutions, tribes, and U.S. Territories, national nonprofits and state commissions on nation and community service to implement service-learning programs. To ensure appropriate oversight of Federal funds, Learn and Serve America requires all grant recipients to submit Progress Reports describing grant activities and progress toward approved program objectives. Information received from the reports informs continuation funding decisions and how to target training and technical assistance.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by February 22, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) *By mail sent to:* Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn and Serve America; Attention Meredith Archer Hatch, Program Coordinator for Knowledge Management, Room 9613-C; 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) *By fax to:* (202) 606-3477, Attention: Meredith Archer Hatch, Program Coordinator for Knowledge Management.

(4) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system [mhatch@cns.gov](mailto:mhatch@cns.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 606-3472 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Meredith Archer Hatch, (202) 606-7513, or by e-mail at [mhatch@cns.gov](mailto:mhatch@cns.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

### *Background*

Learn and Serve America grantees provide performance information in their progress report. The information is collected electronically via the eGrants system.

### *Current Action*

The Corporation seeks to renew the current information collection. The narratives section has been clarified by dividing narrative questions into distinct parts. The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. The Corporation also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on 5/31/10.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Learn and Serve America Progress Report.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0089.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* State and Local Government, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Respondents:* 175.

*Frequency:* Twice Annually.

*Average Time per Response:* Averages 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 700 (annual).

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 17, 2009.

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*Acting Director, Learn and Serve America.*

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