

**PEACE CORPS****Information Collection Request; Submission for OMB Review****AGENCY:** Peace Corps.**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Peace Corps will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 20, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Denora Miller, FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Office of Management, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street NW., Washington, DC 20526. Denora Miller may also be contacted by telephone at 202-692-1236 or email at [pcf@peacecorps.gov](mailto:pcf@peacecorps.gov). Email comments must be made in text and not in attachments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denora Miller at Peace Corps address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Peace Corps Response uses the staff, personal and professional reference forms to learn from someone who knows the applicant and his or her background whether the applicant possesses the necessary characteristics and skills to serve as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer.

*OMB Control Number:* 0420-0548.

*Title:* Peace Corps Response Volunteer Reference Forms.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Respondents' Obligation to Reply:* Voluntary.

*Burden to the Public:*

a. *Number of interviewed applicants:* \* 700.

b. *Number of references required per interviewed applicant:* \*\* 2.25.

c. *Estimated number of reference forms received:* 1,575.

d. *Frequency of response:* One time.

e. *Completion time:* 10 minutes.

f. *Annual burden hours:* 263.

\* Reference information is collected only if an applicant is contacted for an interview.

\*\* Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) must submit two references; one staff and one professional reference. These applicants comprise of approximately 75% of

the total applicants interviewed. Applicants who have not previously served with the Peace Corps must submit three references; one personal and two professional references. These applicants comprise of approximately 25% of the total applicants interviewed. Therefore, the number of references required per interviewed applicants is calculated at 2.25.

*General Description of Collection:* The information collected in the Peace Corps Response Reference Forms is an integral part of the screening and selection process and is used to determine whether an applicant would be a good candidate as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer. The information obtained from these forms is used by the recruitment and placement specialists within the Office of Peace Corps Response.

*Request for Comment:* Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

This notice issued in Washington, DC, on August 12, 2014.

**Denora Miller,**

*FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Management.*

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Peace Corps Response interview is necessary to assess applicants' qualifications and eligibility to serve in Peace Corps Response. The interview is a critical point in the recruitment process, as it is the point when the applicant and the recruitment and placement specialist verbally discuss the nature of the Volunteer assignment.

*OMB Control Number:* 0420-XXXX.

*Title:* Peace Corps Response Interview Form.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Respondents' Obligation to Reply:* Voluntary.

*Burden to the Public:*

a. *Number of Interviewed Applicants:* 700.

b. *Frequency of response:* One time.

c. *Completion time:* 60 minutes.

d. *Annual burden hours:* 700.

*General Description of Collection:* The information collected in the Peace Corps Response Interview Form is used to determine whether an applicant would be a good candidate as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer. The information obtained from this form is used by the recruitment and placement specialists within the Office of Peace Corps Response.

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