

application is not certified and forwarded within two months of the date of receipt in the USPTO, then the date of the international registration will be the date the IB receives the international application. Article 3(4); Regs. Rule 15; TMEP 1902.04.

D. Responding to a Notice of Irregularity Through TEAS

If the international application was filed through TEAS, an irregularity that requires an applicant's response through the USPTO must be filed via TEAS. The TEAS Response to a Notice of Irregularity form will remain available until all international applications originally submitted through TEAS are processed and have reached a final disposition, at which time the USPTO will retire the TEAS form.

E. Responding to Notices of Irregularity in Madrid e-Filing

Following the launch of Madrid e-Filing, if the international application was originally filed using Madrid e-Filing, an irregularity that requires an applicant's response to be filed through the USPTO must be submitted using Madrid e-Filing.

If the applicant must respond to the notice of irregularity directly to the IB, such as for underpayment of international fees, the notice of irregularity will provide instructions for responding. If the USPTO must respond, the MPU will continue to issue a copy of the response to the applicant as a courtesy. See TMEP 1902.07(a).

When a response to a notice of irregularity is submitted through the USPTO using Madrid e-Filing, the submission date is the date the USPTO receives the transmission based on Eastern Time in the United States, regardless of whether that date is a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 CFR 2.195; TMEP 303. The MPU will not review or forward the response to the IB if the USPTO receives it after the deadline established in the notice or if a timely response cannot be reviewed and forwarded by the deadline. 37 CFR 7.14(e).

If the IB determines that an international application is unacceptable, the applicant will receive an irregularity notice from the IB and may view the irregularity notice by accessing the corresponding international application in the applicant's Madrid e-Filing portfolio. See Regs. Rules 11(2)(b), 12(7)(a)–(b). This notice will not be viewable in the TSDR database.

When the applicant must respond to the irregularity notice through the

USPTO, the timely response must be provided directly within the "Answer" section of the irregularity notice. The international application itself is not editable. If the applicant does not provide a timely response to the irregularity notice, the IB will proceed with the action indicated in the irregularity notice.

Similar to current practice, the MPU will review timely responses to irregularities. TMEP 1902.07(c)(i), (ii). If the MPU determines that the proposed amendment is acceptable and there is time remaining in the response period, the response will be forwarded to the IB. *Id.* The applicant will be notified that the response has been forwarded. *Id.*

If the MPU determines that the applicant's response to the notice of irregularity proposes an unacceptable amendment, the MPU will notify the applicant that (1) the proposed amendment is not acceptable and (2) the response will not be forwarded to the IB. TMEP 1902.07(c)(ii). The notification from the MPU will issue via email and will be viewable in Madrid e-Filing.

As long as time remains in the IB response period, the applicant may continue to submit responses in the "WIPO irregularities" section of the international application following the issuance of a new notification from the MPU until the proposed amendment is determined to be acceptable by the MPU. Although the MPU will review all responses received by the IB deadline, this does not ensure an acceptable response can be forwarded to the IB by the deadline indicated in the irregularity notice. Therefore, applicants should continue to submit their response as soon as possible and at least one month prior to the IB's deadline to ensure it can be reviewed and forwarded to the IB by the response deadline. 37 CFR 7.14(e).

Ultimately, if the MPU cannot forward the response by the response deadline, the IB may proceed with the action indicated in the irregularity notice and will notify the applicant and the USPTO accordingly.

F. Subsequent Designation in TEAS

Outside of the U.S. office of origin international application process, the holder of a U.S. Office of origin international registration who is a national of, is domiciled in, or has a real and effective business or commercial establishment in the United States will continue to have the option to submit a subsequent designation through the IB or the USPTO using the TEAS Subsequent Designation form, which is scheduled to move into the trademark

electronic filing system, Trademark Center, in 2027. See 15 U.S.C. 1141d; 37 CFR 7.21(a)–(b). Therefore, TEAS and/or Trademark Center will remain the trademark electronic filing systems designated by the Director for the purpose of filing a subsequent designation directly through the USPTO, and the U.S. transmittal fee will continue to be required by 37 CFR 7.6 when filed through these designated systems. 37 CFR 7.21(b)(7). No transmittal fee is owed if the subsequent designation is filed directly with the IB at <https://madrid.wipo.int/>. 37 CFR 7.21(a); TMEP 1902.08; Article 3ter(2); Regs. Rule 24.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; AmeriCorps VISTA Criminal History Acknowledgement Form

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of new information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) is proposing a new information collection for AmeriCorps VISTA sponsors and certain categories of candidates for VISTA service.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 14, 2026.

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

(1) Electronically through www.regulations.gov (preferred method).

(2) *By mail sent to:* Elizabeth Southall, Acting Director VMSU, AmeriCorps, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20525.

(3) By hand delivery or by courier to the AmeriCorps mailroom at the mail address given in paragraph (2) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the

public through *regulations.gov*. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comment that may be made available to the public, notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Southall, Acting Director VISTA Member Service Unit, AmeriCorps, 202-606-3835, *esouthall@americorps.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: AmeriCorps VISTA Criminal History Acknowledgment Form.

OMB Control Number: 3045-NEW.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments; Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 120.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 120.

Abstract: The AmeriCorps VISTA Criminal History Acknowledgment Form (CHAF) is part of a new process that increases sponsor autonomy in AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer (member) selection and standardizes data collection for more efficient workflow and prompt adjudication of criminal history issues. The CHAF must be completed by VISTA sponsors when a candidate for VISTA service either fails to report their criminal history on their application or is noted to have a criminal history involving certain violent or serious offenses. In the latter case, a VISTA candidate reports the offense, its date, the final court judgment, and the legal status of each offense in Part A of the CHAF. In Part B, they accept the AmeriCorps VISTA conditions for serving with a criminal history special consideration.

On Part C of the form, the VISTA sponsor or site supervisor provides a recommendation to accept or reject the candidate based on the disclosed criminal history. They must include an explanation of why they consider the candidate to be (or not be) a good fit for their program in light of the disclosed criminal history and, if they recommend

acceptance, what measures they will have in place to support a successful service term for the candidate and appropriate supervision.

Part D is a personal narrative that applicants who have noted a criminal history involving violence must complete.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection on *regulations.gov*.

Brendan Murphy,

Acting Director, AmeriCorps VISTA.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2026-HQ-0134]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (referred to herein as “the Department”, “Department of War” or “DoW”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain*. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reginald Lucas, (571) 372-7574, *whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Army Youth Program Feedback Survey; OMB Control Number 0702-CYSS.

Type of Request: New.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 600.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Needs and Uses: The Army Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) Youth Program (YP) is vital to supporting the readiness, retention, and lethality of the Total Force by helping military families balance the competing demands of work and military life. Pursuant to Department of War Instruction 1342.22, Section 6.d, the Army is required to conduct outcome and cost-effectiveness evaluations of its youth and family readiness programs. Under a cooperative agreement with the Army Directorate of Prevention, Resilience, and Readiness, researchers at the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State University are conducting an empirical outcome evaluation of the CYSS YP.

To determine program impacts, this information collection will gather web-based survey feedback from two primary groups of Army parents of youth in grades 6–12 across 12 to 15 selected installations: (1) parents whose youth participate in the CYSS YP, and (2) a comparison group of parents whose youth do not participate. The evaluation utilizes a longitudinal design across two