

flexibility concerning the amount of living allowances provided to AmeriCorps members. This recommendation suggests a misunderstanding of the Corporation's intent. The current language does not require programs to pay the lowest living allowance. It only encourages it. The Corporation has emphasized this in the final grant application guidelines, but continues to encourage programs to offer the minimum statutorily permitted living allowances—not more than the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTAs.

#### H. Corporation Cost per Member

All responders addressed this issue in their recommendations. Some indicated that lowering the allowable cost per Member would have a negative impact on program quality and the Corporation should take varying local conditions and program designs into account and allow for some flexibility. Others felt the reduction in Member costs is within reason, but wanted some clarification concerning what was included in the calculation.

The Corporation cannot increase the limit on the Corporation share of the cost per Member, but it does provide flexibility to applicants by allowing them to meet the target as an average across all programs within the application rather than as an absolute number for each program. For example, a single State must meet the Corporation's required maximum cost per member as its average cost per member in that State. In addition, the Corporation only limits the cost per member of the Corporation share. Programs are free to have a higher cost per member so long as it comes from a funding source other than the Corporation. The Corporation also delineated in the grant application guidelines all items included in the calculation of cost per Member.

#### I. Timelines

Only one responder requested that the deadlines for grant applications be extended. Other responders expressed appreciation that the Corporation is providing more time between grant application deadlines and actual program start-up. One responder asked that the grant application deadlines remain the same, but that the Corporation make final decisions at least two months before programs are expected to begin.

The Corporation cannot change the grant application deadlines and still meet a reasonable timeline for final decisions. Therefore, the grant application deadlines will remain as

published in the Federal Register and reflected in this notice. Currently, the Corporation does notify potential grantees of decisions at least two months before programs are expected to begin. However, the actual grant award letters may not reach the grantee two months ahead of start dates.

#### J. Application Evaluation and Selection of New Programs

The Corporation received several comments concerning the "ability to monitor" section of the review criteria. Several felt that the Corporation needed to reexamine its assessment that individual placements are "hard to monitor" and suggested that the "ability to monitor" criterion be dropped from the application review criteria. In addition, one responder recommended that the Corporation base its peer review criteria on results rather than systems.

The Corporation considered these comments and their bases and decided not to eliminate the "ability to monitor" criterion, and to add language in the grant application guidelines asking applicants with individual placements to describe what they will do to ensure that they would be able to monitor their sites effectively despite their geographically-dispersed locations.

The Corporation has not changed its overall review criteria because those criteria do place a heavy emphasis on results. Currently, the Corporation's review criteria base 65 percent of the evaluation on results related to getting things done, strengthening communities and developing Members, and the ability of the program to evaluate those results.

#### K. Miscellaneous

The Corporation also received other comments requesting some clarification on how the selection criteria will be applied and whether or not organizations that have already received funding will be eligible to apply. Additional language was added to indicate that organizations that have already received three years of funding from the Corporation are eligible to apply but will be competed as new applicants rather than renewal applicants. The Corporation also added language that distinguishes the Corporation's request for individual programs to focus on fewer priority areas from the Corporation's need to ensure that we select programs that meet priorities in all four issue areas within the overall group of selected programs. The language states that, while we encourage individual programs to focus on an issue area, the Corporation will ensure that it has

diversity among priorities across the programs that it funds.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Army Education Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army War College.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Date of Meeting:* April 7, 8, and 9, 1997.

*Place:* Root Hall, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

*Time:* 8:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

*Proposed Agenda:* Receive information briefings, view facilities, observe classes, conduct discussions with faculty and students, and provide guidance concerning accreditation and areas for improvement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colonel Terry J. Young, Box 118, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013 or phone (717) 245-3907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee after receiving advance approval for participation. To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Colonel Terry J. Young at the above address or phone number.

Gregory D. Showalter,

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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### CGSC Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting: