

exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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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. 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 the President's Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA), parts A, B, C, D and E. Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by January 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Public Affairs, Attn: Rhonda Taylor, (project officer), 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rhonda Taylor, (202) 606-5000, ext. 282, or by e-mail at [rtaylor@cns.gov](mailto:rtaylor@cns.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation 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;

- 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 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.

### I. Background

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was created by Executive Order 13285 on January 29, 2003. The Council is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Under the Executive Order, the Council is directed to (among other things) design and recommend programs to recognize individuals, schools, and organizations that excel in their efforts to support volunteer service and civic participation, especially with respect to students in primary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher learning. The Council will bestow the President's Volunteer Service Award to meet this requirement. In order to recognize individuals, schools and organizations, the program must collect information about the individuals and organizations and their activities to verify that they have earned the award.

The information collected will be used by the program primarily to select winners of the President's Volunteer Service Awards and the Call to Service Awards (4000 hours or more). Individuals or organizations can be nominated by an organization or third party. The nominations will be reviewed for compliance by the administering agency, and awards will be made on that basis. Information also will be used to assure the integrity of the program (so that, for example, an individual or organization does not receive an award twice for the same project), for reporting on the accomplishments of the program, for the public awareness campaign (such as press releases and website information on winning projects), and to further the purposes of the Executive Order (such as fostering partnerships and coordination of projects and to promote civic engagement).

### II. Current Action

The Corporation submitted a request for emergency review and approval by OMB of the PVSA on August 8, 2003 with no public comment period. On August 20, 2003, OMB approved the emergency request for a period of six months and assigned OMB Control Number 3045-0086 with an expiration date of February 29, 2004. Therefore, the Corporation is now seeking public comment regarding the President's Volunteer Service Awards, parts A, B, C, D and E.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* President's Volunteer Service Awards, parts A, B, C, D and E.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0086.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* All citizens of the United States.

*Total Respondents:* 200,000.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 100,000 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 1,654,000.

*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: October 28, 2003.

**Barbara A. Taylor,**

*Director, Office of Public Affairs.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Reinstatement With Change of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired; 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. 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. This form is available in alternate formats. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the reinstatement with changes, of a previously approved information collection activity, which has expired. The Accomplishments Surveys of National Senior Service Corps Programs (reference OMB Control Number 3045-0049) expired on 8/31/2001. This request for reinstatement with changes reflects the Corporation's intent to conduct Accomplishment Surveys for its three National Senior Service Corps programs: the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by January 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn. Nathan Dietz, Department of Research and Policy Development, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathan Dietz, (202) 606-5000, ext. 287, or by e-mail at [ndietz@cns.gov](mailto:ndietz@cns.gov).

The Corporation 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;
- 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 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation seeks to reinstate its previously used Accomplishments Survey to collect information about local project volunteer activities, inputs, and accomplishments. This study will be conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (#CNCSHQ03003, Task Order #WES03T001). This information will be used by the Corporation to prepare its Annual Performance Reports, and to respond to ad hoc requests from Congress and other interested parties. The prior versions of these surveys were used most recently during the 1999-2000 program year.

The revised Accomplishment Surveys for National Senior Service Corps Programs will be distributed to samples of volunteer work stations for each program. Local grantees, or projects, place volunteers in local organizational settings where they are supervised by organizational staff. These work station volunteer supervisors will complete the survey.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Accomplishments Surveys of National Senior Service Corps Programs.

*OMB Number:* Previously assigned 3045-0049.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer programs, and staff of agencies and organizations serving as volunteer work stations for volunteers from those programs.

*Type of Respondents:* Volunteer coordinators in volunteer work stations.

*Total Respondents:* 2,500.

*Frequency:* March and April, 2004.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,250 hours total for all respondents/sites.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

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: October 29, 2003.

**Nathan Dietz,**

*Research Associate, Office of Research and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

*Name of Committee:* Distance Learning/Training Technology Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Date:* November 12-13, 2003.

*Place:* Fort Eustis, VA.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 12, 2003; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on November 13, 2003.

*Proposed Agenda:* Initial starting point of meeting will include Updates on The Army Distance Learning Program (TADLP) and infrastructure, followed by discussions that focus on learning and technology.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide for the continuous exchange of information and ideas for distance learning between the US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Headquarters, Department of the Army, and the academic and business community.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** All communications regarding this subcommittee should be addressed to Mr. Rick Karpinski, at Commander, Headquarters TRADOC, ATTN: ATTG-CF (Mr. Karpinski), Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5000; e-mail [karpinsr@monroe.army.mil](mailto:karpinsr@monroe.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting of the advisory committee is open to the public. Because of restricted meeting space, attendance will be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend. Contact Mr. Karpinski ([karpinsr@monroe.army.mil](mailto:karpinsr@monroe.army.mil)) for meeting agenda and specific locations.

Any member of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the