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(1) The capacity of the applicant to effectively implement RSVP according to law, regulations and current Corporation policy, procedures, and priorities.

(2) The cost-effectiveness of the proposal; the applicant's ability to leverage significant additional resources from non-federal sources to support and sustain the project; and the extent to which the national organization can demonstrate that local projects have the capacity to continue in subsequent years.

The Corporation will take into consideration the following factors after the proposals are assessed:

Geographic Location: The Corporation will assure that local projects include a mix of urban and rural sites.

Diversity: The Corporation will select organizations whose local projects have the capacity to recruit ethnic and racial minorities, males and persons with disabilities.

I. Applicable Regulations

Regulations governing the RSVP Program are located in 45 CFR part 1209 (1997).

J. Program Authority

The Corporation's authority to make these grants is codified in 42 U.S.C. 5001.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for New Senior Companion Projects—Nationwide

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service ("Corporation")

announces the availability of up to \$1,000,000 to support one national organization and five of its local affiliates to operate new Senior Companion Projects. The local projects must be located in geographic areas that do not fall within approved geographic service areas of current Senior Companion program sponsors or urban areas or large counties where the project serves only part of the city or county. The national organization will be expected to provide coordination, networking and training and technical assistance to its five local affiliates who combined will support a total of 225 Senior Companions. Awards will cover a twelve-month period and can be renewed for up to twenty-four additional months contingent upon the continuing need for the projects, performance and the availability of appropriations. This allows the Corporation to fund multi-state and multi-site projects that are national in scope and build on existing networks. The Corporation is seeking a national organization that is willing to actively promote senior service within its network and that have the potential to view older volunteers as an important resource in accomplishing its own objectives.

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) provides opportunities for income eligible individuals 60 years of age and over to serve frail adults on a person to person basis. The SCP provides essential services that enable frail adults to continue to live in their own homes, while also enhancing the lives of the volunteers and those whom they serve. **DATES:** Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Application instructions and kits are available from the Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525, (202) 606-5000, ext. 261, TDD (202) 565-2799, or TTY via the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-(800) 877-8339.

Applications should be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Mailstop 9310, Attn: Barbara Wilson, Washington, DC 20525. The Corporation will not accept applications that are submitted via facsimile or e-mail transmission.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that encourages

Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In supporting service programs, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.

The SCP is authorized by the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended. (See 42 U.S.C. 5013 *et seq.*) The SCP is one of three programs that comprise the National Senior Service Corps. All three Senior Corps programs are based on the premise that seniors are valuable resources, can be mobilized to help meet priority community needs, and through their skills and talents can have an impact on national problems of local concern.

The SCP was launched in 1974 with its first 11 projects. Today there are over 13,000 Senior Companions serving 48,000 frail adults annually. These Senior Companions provide high quality and reliable personal support to adults, primarily frail elderly, experiencing difficulties with activities of daily living, allowing them to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. SCP focuses on those with moderate physical, mental or emotional impairments who are without adequate family support and who in the absence of non-medical support services would be at risk of institutionalization. Senior Companions also assist clients in patient discharge programs at acute care, mental health, and long-term care facilities to make the transition to living in less restrictive community settings, and some Senior Companions provide short-term respite for primary care givers of frail adults in times of special need.

B. Purpose of This Announcement

The Corporation is soliciting applications from national nonprofit organizations in order to fund multi-state and multi-site projects that are national in scope and build on existing networks of the national organizations. The Corporation is interested in expanding the Senior Companion Program to serve new geographic locations currently unserved by the program. The Corporation is interested in focusing on in-home assignments for older persons most in need and respite for family care givers.

Many older adults experience problems in one or more routine activities of daily living (ADLs) which

makes them homebound. With the support of a caring adult, many of these individuals are able to remain at home. This in-home support often makes the difference between living independently at home and premature placement into a long-term care facility, especially when immediate family members are not present to provide support.

It is essential that project activities strive to result in improvements that otherwise would not occur. While multiple benefits may be realized through these projects, the primary outcome objectives should be focused on:

(a) Reducing the gap between available services and the need for services among the frail elderly in need of independent living support. Depending upon the specific needs identified within a community, this might involve increasing the number of persons who receive services, increasing the amount of service available to current service recipients, or adding types of services that are needed but not currently available within the community; and

(b) Increasing the efficiency of service delivery by making use of the diverse talents of volunteers. This might involve freeing professional and paraprofessional care givers from routine tasks, improving coordination of services, or improving the appropriateness of the level and type of service delivered.

Activities should complement services being provided by medical professionals and para-professionals and others who are also providing services to the older person.

C. Eligible Applicants

National nonprofit organizations that operate in more than one state are eligible to apply. The Corporation defines a national nonprofit organization as one whose mission, membership and activities, or constituencies are national in scope. However, an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4)) that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for volunteers, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. The Corporation is seeking a national organization that is willing to actively promote senior service within its networks and that views older volunteers as an important resource in accomplishing its own objectives.

All activities within a proposal should be coordinated through a well-developed national strategy and unified programmatically by a common theme

and program elements, including training and technical assistance. In designing a program, an applicant should consider its national, regional and local capacities.

The local affiliates of the national organizations must have or develop strong partnerships with the aging network; hospitals and other health care providers; care giver coalitions and agencies; volunteer, church and civic groups that provide in-home and respite services; businesses and community members; and collaborations with RSVP, Learn and Serve America and/or AmeriCorps.

D. Award Process and Estimated Number of Awards

The Corporation will issue a letter of intent to provide funding to the approved applicant. This letter will instruct the national organization to work with the Corporation to identify the local affiliates that will serve as local project sites. The official awards will be made only after the Corporation is satisfied that the local sites are located in currently unserved geographic areas and that the local affiliates have the capacity to effectively implement the program.

The Corporation anticipates making one award to a national organization and approximately five awards to local affiliates of the national organization.

E. Scope of Grant

The amount of the grant for the national organization will include funds to cover national coordination, networking, training and technical assistance. The amount of the grants to the local affiliates will include funds to support approximately 45 Senior Companion Volunteer Service Years (VSYS.). The amount of each local grant will include funds to cover: volunteer cost reimbursements including stipends of approximately \$2,662 a year for each Volunteer Service Year (VSY), transportation, meals and insurance; and volunteer support costs including project administration, staff and training and technical assistance. The average Federal Cost per Volunteer Service Year (VSY) is approximately \$4,000 for standard volunteers and \$4,600 for volunteer leaders.

Grant applicants should demonstrate their commitment to cost-sharing by offsetting part of the costs. This support can be achieved through cash or in-kind contributions.

Publication of this announcement does not obligate the Corporation to award any specific number of grants or to obligate the entire amount of funds

available, or any part thereof, for grants under the Senior Companion Program.

F. Period of Awards

Grants cover twelve months and may be renewed for up to twenty-four additional months contingent upon the continuing need for the projects, performance and the availability of appropriations.

G. Submission Requirements

To be considered for funding, applicants must submit five copies of the following (with original signatures on items 1 and 2):

- (1) An Application for Federal Assistance, Corporation Form 424-NSSC (OMB 3045-0035), Parts I through III;
- (2) Signed Assurances (424-B) and Certifications (424E-G);
- (3) Verification of status as a non-profit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (4) Most recent audit report.

H. General Selection Criteria

The Corporation will initially determine whether the organization is eligible and whether the application contains the information required in the application materials. All activities within the proposal should be coordinated through a well-developed national strategy and unified programmatically by a common theme and program elements, including training and technical assistance.

To ensure fairness to all applicants, the Corporation reserves the right to take action up to and including disqualification, in the event that a proposal fails to comply with any requirements specified in the application instructions. After this initial screening, the Corporation will assess applications based on the following criteria that will be further specified in the application instructions:

- (1) The capacity of the applicant to effectively implement the Senior Companion Program according to law, regulations and current Corporation policy, procedures, and priorities.
- (2) The cost-effectiveness of the proposal; the applicant's ability to leverage significant additional resources from non-federal sources to support and sustain the project; the extent to which the national organization can demonstrate the capacity to continue the projects at the local level in subsequent years.

The Corporation will take into consideration the following factors after the proposals are assessed:

Geographic Location: The Corporation will assure a mix of urban and rural sites.

Diversity: The Corporation will select organizations whose local projects have the capacity to recruit ethnic and racial minorities, males and persons with disabilities.

I. Applicable Regulations

Regulations governing the Senior Companion Program are located in 45 C.F.R. Part 1207 (1997).

J. Program Authority

The Corporation's authority to make these grants is codified in 42 U.S.C. 5013.

Dated: April 10, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Information Collection Requirements; Drug-Free Work Force

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Michael Pelkey, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0336 in all correspondence related to this issue. Comments may also be provided electronically by e-mailing the comments to dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please include OMB Control Number 0704-0336 in the subject line of the e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Michael Pelkey, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>.

Paper copies may be obtained from Mr. Michael Pelkey, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Section 223.570, Drug-free work force, and the associated clause at DFARS 252.223-7004; no form is used for this information collection; OMB Number 0704-0336.

Needs and Uses: This requirement provides that DoD contractors shall maintain records regarding drug-free work force programs provided to contractor employees. The information is used to ensure reasonable efforts to eliminate the unlawful use of controlled substances by contractor employees.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 930,432 hours.

Number of Respondents: 13,964.

Number of Responses: 0.

Responses Per Respondent: 0.

Average Burden Per Response: 0.

Frequency: This is a requirement for recordkeeping only.

Summary of Information Collection

DFARS Section 223.570, Drug-free work force, and the associated clause at DFARS 252.223-7004 require that DoD contractors institute and maintain programs for achieving the objective of a drug-free work force. No submission of information to the Government is required. This request to extend the OMB approval of an information collection reflects the public burden of

maintaining records related to such programs.

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Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Availability of Government Owned Inventions for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Government Owned Inventions for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Copies of patents cited are available from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, for \$3.00 each. Requests for copies of patents must include the patent number.

Copies of patent applications cited are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia 22161 for \$6.95 each (\$10.95 outside North American Continent). Requests for copies of patent applications must include the patent application serial number. Claims are deleted from the copies of patent applications sold to avoid premature disclosure.

The following patents and patent applications are available for licensing: Patent 5,638,076: AUTOMATIC RANGE REDUCING GATING SYSTEM; filed 29 September 1966; patented 10 June 1997.

Patent 5,641,691: METHOD FOR FABRICATING COMPLEMENTARY VERTICAL BIPOLAR JUNCTION TRANSISTORS IN SILICON-ON-SAPPHIRE; filed 3 April 1995; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,642,451: FIBEROPTIC CABLE JUNCTION; filed 28 December 1995; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,642,868: CERAMIC MATERIAL; filed 2 May 1990; patented 1 July 1997.

Patent 5,644,664: FIBER OPTIC DIGITAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM; filed 6 June 1995; patented 1 July 1997.

Patent 5,645,006: BLADDER ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING FLUID UNDER PRESSURE; filed 17 January 1996; patented 8 July 1997.