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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Request for Input on Grants for Outreach to Individuals with a Disability

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Request for input.

SUMMARY: Section 129(d)(5) of the National and Community Service Act authorizes grants to public or private nonprofit organizations to pay for the Federal share of conducting outreach to individuals with a disability concerning national service programs. The Corporation for National and Community Service ("Corporation") requests input from the public on how we might best support this type of outreach. We will use this input in developing a notice of funds availability to be published in the Federal Register later this year.

DATES: Please submit your written comments by March 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Thea Kachoris, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20525 or preferably via electronic mail at: tkachoris@cns.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Talbot, (202) 606-5000, ext. 470. T.D.D. (202) 565-2799. If you need this notice in an alternative format, please contact Ms. Talbot.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) was established in 1993 to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities. The Corporation's national and community service programs provide opportunities

for participants to serve full-time and part-time, with or without stipend, as individuals or as part of a team. AmeriCorps*State, National, VISTA, and National Civilian Community Corps programs engage thousands of Americans on a full, or part-time basis, at over 1,000 locations to help communities meet their toughest challenges. Learn and Serve America integrates service into the academic life or experiences of nearly one million youth from kindergarten through higher education in all 50 states. The National Senior Service Corps utilizes the skills, talents and experience of over 500,000 older Americans to help make communities stronger, safer, healthier and smarter.

AmeriCorps*State and AmeriCorps*National programs, which involve over 40,000 Americans each year in results-driven community service, are grant programs managed by: (1) state commissions that select and oversee programs operated by local organizations; (2) national non-profit organizations that act as parent organizations for operating sites across the country; (3) Indian tribes; or (4) U.S. Territories. Learn and Serve America grants provide service-learning opportunities for youth through grants to state education agencies, community-based organizations, and higher education institutions and organizations. The National Senior Service Corps operates through grants to nearly 1,300 local organizations for the Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP), Foster Grandparent (FGP) and Senior Companion (SCP) programs to provide service to their communities.

In addition, the Corporation supports the AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) programs. More than 6,000 AmeriCorps*VISTA members develop grassroots programs, mobilize resources and build capacity for service across the nation. AmeriCorps*NCCC provides the opportunity for approximately 1,000 individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 to participate each year in ten-month residential programs located mainly on inactive military bases.

For additional information on the national service programs supported by the Corporation, go to <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

Outreach Grants

Section 129(d)(5) of the National and Community Service Act authorizes grants for two purposes related to increasing the participation of individuals with disabilities in national

service: (1) grants to support the placement, reasonable accommodation, and auxiliary services for AmeriCorps members serving in what are commonly known as subtitle C AmeriCorps State competitive and National Direct programs; and (2) grants for outreach to individuals with a disability. This notice concerns only the second category. Outreach grants are available for public or private nonprofit organizations to pay for the Federal share of conducting outreach to individuals with a disability concerning national service programs. The Federal share may not exceed 75 percent of the cost of carrying out the activities under each grant. A grantee must provide a 25 percent match, either in cash or in kind. Under section 129(d)(5), outreach grant funds may support

- providing information about national service programs to individuals with a disability who wish to participate;
- undertaking other promotional activities that educate the public about opportunities for individuals with a disability to participate in national service programs;
- enabling individuals with a disability to participate in activities carried out through national service programs;
- assisting national service programs in developing ways to increase the participation of individuals with a disability in national service programs.

Based on past appropriations and allocations of funding, and projections for the future, we estimate that the total amount of funds available each year for these outreach grants will be between \$2 million and \$4 million.

We are particularly interested in receiving input on the following questions:

1. What are the most common and most significant barriers to greater participation by individuals with disabilities in national service programs?
2. What types of outreach activities would be most effective in increasing the participation in national service of persons with disabilities? Should we tailor grants to specific types of outreach activities or make grants for the general purpose of outreach?
3. Given the large number of potential applicants for these funds, how should we set priorities in making outreach grants?
4. How should we distribute funds? Should we rely on State Commissions and State Education Agencies as a principal conduit?

Dated: February 24, 2000.

Gary Kowalczyk,

Director, Office of Planning and Program Integration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed new public information collection 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity, ATTN: Ms. Kristin Medhurst, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635, telephone (703) 796-4385.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 696-4471.

Title, and OMB Control Number: Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Customer Satisfaction Survey, OMB Number [to be determined].

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to provide stakeholders of the Department of Defense (DoD) schools an opportunity to express their level of satisfaction with various issues pertaining to the schools.

These topics include equipment and facilities, computer technology, curriculum, administration, teachers, parent involvement, and communications. The information obtained will be used for program monitoring and strategic school improvement planning.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 522 hours for parents, 12,840 for students.

Number of Respondents: 1,045 parents, 25,680 students.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: biennially, beginning February 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey is a tool used to measure Goal 9: Accountability, Benchmark 4 of the DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) Community Strategic Plan. The DoDEA Community Strategic Plan was written to meet DoD Reform Initiative Directive #23: Defense Agency Performance Contracts which states: "The Directors of the specified Agencies and Field Activities will submit a performance contract covering the period of the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP), FY 2000 through FY 2005. Each performance contract shall include measures of customer satisfaction with the goods and services provided by the agency or Field Activity, including the timeliness of deliveries of products and services.

The parent questionnaire component of this program will give parents of students attending DoD schools an opportunity to comment on their level of satisfaction with various issues related to their child's education. Some of these topics include equipment and facilities, computer technology, curriculum, administration, teachers, parent involvement, and communications. Parents of students attending DoD schools will be provided an opportunity to respond to the DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey-Parent Questionnaire biennially. Respondents of this questionnaire will be parents of those students attending DoDEA schools, both in the continental United States and Overseas.

The student questionnaire component of this program will give students attending DoD schools an opportunity to comment on their level of satisfaction with various issues related to their education. Some of these topics include equipment and facilities, computer technology, curriculum, teachers,

administration, and school buses. Questions will also be asked of the students that may be perceived as sensitive. The nature of these questions pertains to drugs, alcohol, and sexual issues. These questions are similar to questions found on nationwide surveys of students such as the National Health Interview Survey. It is imperative that the agency collect data in order to adequately prepare programs addressing these issues. Additionally, the military and other stakeholders frequently request comparisons between the perceptions of DoDEA students and students in public schools across the United States on these issues necessitating the need for this information. Students will be asked to respond to this questionnaire biennially, through an anonymous administration procedure. Questionnaire respondents will be students attending DoD schools, both in the continental United States and overseas.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the United States Commission on National Security/21st Century

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Policy).

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Commission on National Security/21st Century will meet in closed session on 6 and 7 March 2000. The Commission was originally chartered by the Secretary of Defense on 1 July 1998 (charter revised on 18 August 1999) to conduct a comprehensive review of the early twenty-first century global security environment; develop appropriate national security objectives and a strategy to attain these objectives; and recommend concomitant changes to the national security apparatus as necessary.

The Commission will meet in closed session on 6 and 7 March to review a draft of its Phase Two report. By Charter, the Phase Two report is to be delivered to the Secretary of Defense no later than 14 April 2000.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act,