

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Submission for OMB Emergency Review

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), submitted the following two information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Corporation requested that OMB review and approve its emergency request by April 30, 2004, for a period of six months. A copy of these ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Policy Development, Mr. Kevin Cramer, (202) 606-5000, Ext. 232 or by e-mail at KCramer@cns.gov.

The initial 60-day **Federal Register** notice for Performance Measurement in AmeriCorps was published on January 21, 2004. The initial 60-day **Federal Register** notice for Learn and Serve America Program and Performance Reporting System was published on January 9, 2004. The comment period for these notices have elapsed, and, since the Corporation has requested OMB's approval of these emergency requests by April 30, 2004, there will be not enough time for the public to provide further comments through this **Federal Register** notice prior to the requested approval date.

Part I

Type of Review: Emergency request.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Performance Measurement in AmeriCorps: Surveys of Members, Organizations and End Beneficiaries.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, Individuals or households, State, local or tribal government.

Total Respondents: 4,000.

Frequency: One time.

Average Time Per Response: Ten (10) minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 676 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Part II

Type of Review: Emergency request.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Learn and Serve America Program and Performance Reporting System.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, State, local or tribal government.

Total Respondents: 2668.

Frequency: One time.

Average Time Per Response: .95 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2542 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Description: Under the authority of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, the Corporation was charged with employing its service programs, including AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America, to address "the unmet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs of the United States;" to "renew the ethic of civic responsibility and the spirit of community throughout the United States;" and to "encourage citizens * * * to engage in full-time or part-time national service." In the fall of 2003, Congress directed the Corporation to report on its efforts to improve its performance measurement systems.

Moreover, on February 27, 2004, the President signed an Executive Order on National and Community Service "to strengthen the ability of programs authorized under the national service laws to build and reinforce a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility throughout our Nation, and to institute reforms to improve accountability and efficiency in the administration of those programs." The Executive Order states that, as part of its continuous improvement, the Corporation should assist programs in adopting performance measures to ensure accountability for performance and results. This order furthers the finding of the OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) that the Corporation needs to develop its capacity to identify demonstrable performance results.

Because almost all of the programs under Learn and Serve America and a large number of programs in AmeriCorps operate on an academic calendar, and because the schedule for GPRA submissions has been moved up from February to November, it is incumbent upon the Corporation to

have these survey instruments available to the various respondents no later than April of 2004. Therefore, the Corporation has requested OMB's emergency review and approval by April 30, 2004, so that it can provide outcome based data for the 2004 Performance and Accountability Report, as requested by Congress, by November, 2004. If the Corporation is granted approval by OMB for these two information collection activities, the Corporation will publish another **Federal Register** notice which will allow the public the opportunity to provide comments directly to the Corporation's OMB desk officer.

Dated: April 19, 2004.

David Reingold,

Director, Office of Research and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0066]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Professional Employee Compensation Plan

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0066).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning professional employee compensation Plan. A request for public comments was published at 69 FR 5511 on February 5, 2004. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of

information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0066, Professional Employee Compensation Plan, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Goral, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

FAR 22.1103 requires that all professional employees shall be compensated fairly and properly. Accordingly, a total compensation plan setting forth proposed salaries and fringe benefits for professional employees with supporting data must be submitted to the contracting officer for evaluation.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 8,670.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 8,670.

Hours Per Response: .5.

Total Burden Hours: 4,335.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0066, Professional Employee Compensation Plan, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Ralph J. DeStefano,

Acting Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 25, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.*, new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Early Reading First (ERF)

National Evaluation.

Frequency: On Occasion; one time—consent forms.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 5,685.

Burden Hours: 2,256.

Abstract: The proposed data collection is necessary to complete the national evaluation of Early Reading First. The ERF national evaluation will use a regression discontinuity design, including a baseline and two follow-up assessment points, to determine the extent to which the additional funds and technical assistance given to ERF grantees change the instructional content and children's outcomes compared to the content and outcomes in the absence of ERF. The evaluation will also explore the extent to which variations in program quality and implementation are associated with differences in participant outcomes. The respondents for this research initiative include children, parents, teachers and preschool directors. The evaluation results will be used by policymakers to document ERF's effectiveness, understand best practices, and inform decisions about expansion.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2531. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center South, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at 540-776-7742. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office