

other programmatic elements “to develop an integral human dimensions research focus in NCCOS—including its component research centers, laboratories, and partnerships with cooperating institutions such as NCCOS’ coral reef research institutes.”

Comment 54: One commenter noted that the workforce needed to support ecosystem science must be interdisciplinary.

Response: NCCOS agrees with this comment. This objective focuses on development of human dimensions capabilities that complement NCCOS’ existing technical workforce, which is predominantly comprised of biological, physical, and ecological scientists.

Comments on Appendix 1

Comment 55: One commenter stated that the 2006 National Research Council report, *Facing Hazards and Disasters*, does not (as described in the draft) recommend “that future social science research treat hazards and disaster research interchangeably and view the five core topics of hazards and disaster research within a single overarching framework.”

Response: NCCOS points out that this is a direct quote from an Executive Summary of *Facing Hazards and Disasters* provided by the National Research Council Committee on Disaster Research in the Social Sciences: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/11671.html>. However, NCCOS eliminated this quote in the process of reducing the length of the document.

Comment 56: One commenter recommended expanding the discussion of “Balancing Societal Objectives” and moving it to the front material of the document.

Response: As recommended, NCCOS moved a substantive part of this section to a discussion of the “Human Dimensions of Ecosystems” in the “Overview.”

Comments on Appendix 2

Comment 57: One commenter noted that the entry for the 2006 National Research Council report, *Facing Hazards and Disasters*, mistakenly includes information related to a 2005 National Science and Technology Council report, *Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction*.

Response: NCCOS regrets this mistake and eliminated the misplaced information from the entry for the 2006 National Research Council report, *Facing Hazards and Disasters*.

Comment 58: One commenter recommended duplicating the entry for the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act in the table of

drivers related to pollution (in addition to harmful algal blooms).

Response: As recommended, NCCOS included the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act in the table of drivers related to pollution.

Comments on Appendix 3

Comment 59: Several commenters requested inclusion of specific additional references.

Response: NCCOS included suggested references where appropriate. NCCOS notes that this document is not intended to provide an exhaustive literature review.

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Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science.

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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 on the attitudes and behaviors of volunteers to determine the factors which influence volunteering and volunteer retention. The collection will include information on the frequency and intensity of volunteering, the types of organizations where individuals volunteer, the volunteer activities that are performed, the ways in which individuals access volunteer opportunities, and the perceived barriers to volunteering.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section December 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Policy Development, Attn. Carla Manuel, Policy Analyst, Room 10901A, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation’s mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) By fax to: (202) 565–2785, Attention Carla Manuel, Policy Analyst.

(4) Electronically through the Corporation’s e-mail address system: cmanuel@cns.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carla Manuel, (202) 606–6720 or by e-mail at cmanuel@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).

Background

The Corporation is interested in learning about the behaviors, attitudes, and factors which influence volunteering and volunteer retention. This study will include focus groups to determine the themes and trends that impact volunteering and volunteer retention. The focus groups will include questions on the value of service, factors affecting decisions to volunteer and select volunteer activities, and attitudes about volunteering.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks to collect new information on the motivation and

activities of current volunteers to help determine effective strategies for volunteer retention.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Volunteering in America Focus Groups.

OMB Number: New.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Respondents: 200.

Frequency: One time.

Average Time Per Response: Averages 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

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 11, 2007.

Robert Grimm,

Director, Office of Research and Policy Development.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bruce Kellogg, 202-606-6954. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

(1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
(2) Electronically by e-mail to: Katherine.T.Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

Comments: A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 2007. The comment period for this notice has elapsed and no comments were received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Corporation is seeking approval of the Voucher and Payment Request Form which in paper or electronic version is used by AmeriCorps members to request a payment from their education award account, by schools and lenders to verify eligibility for the payments, and by both parties to verify certain legal requirements.

The OMB 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;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to 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.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Voucher and Payment Request Form.

OMB Number: 3045-0014.

Frequency: Annual.

Affected Public: Individuals who have completed a term of national service who wish to access their education award accounts.

Number of Respondents: 45,000 responses annually, using the paper form.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Five minutes (one half-minute for the AmeriCorps member's section and 4½ minutes for the school or lender).

Total Burden Hours: 3,750 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): None.

Dated: October 10, 2007.

Robert Loring,

Director, Accounting and Financial Management Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-04]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-04 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 11, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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