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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 (CNCS), 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. Sec. 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, CNCS is soliciting comments concerning application instructions designed to be used for grant competitions which CNCS sponsors when appropriations are available. These application instructions will be used by applicants for funding through CNCS competitions focused on strategic initiatives, partnerships, or other priorities that are not addressed through regular CNCS grant competitions.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the Addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF**

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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; Attention Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director for Policy, Room 10508B; 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.
- (2) By hand delivery or by courier to the CNCS mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- (3) Electronically through www.regulations.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Borgstrom, 202-606-6930, or by e-mail at aborgstrom@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

CNCS is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, 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 expected to respond, including 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:

These application instructions will be used by applicants for funding through CNCS competitions focused on strategic initiatives, partnerships, or other priorities that are not addressed through regular CNCS grant competitions. The application is completed electronically using eGrants, the CNCS web-based grants management system, or submitted via e-mail.

Current Action:

CNCS seeks to revise and renew the current information collection. The application instructions have been revised to ensure ease of use and reduce burden. The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. CNCS also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on 2/28/2015.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: CNCS Application Instructions.

OMB Number: 3045-0129.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Potential applicants.

Total Respondents: 2,200.

Frequency: Depending on the availability of appropriations.

Average Time Per Response: Averages 8 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 17,600 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: August 26, 2014.

Amy Borgstrom,

Associate Director of Policy.

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