COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add product(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and delete product(s) and service(s) previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: January 02, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785–6404, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the product(s) and service(s) listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by nonprofit agencies listed:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): MR 10814—Ice Ball Tray; Included Shipper 20814
Designated Source of Supply: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC
Contracting Activity: Military Resale-Defense Commissary Agency
Mandatory for: The requirements of military commissaries and exchanges in accordance with the 41 CFR 51–6.4
Distribution: C-List

Service(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 9825–01–E62–6898—Syrup, Maple, Imitation
Designated Source of Supply: Golden Rule Industries of Muskogee, Inc., Muskogee, OK

Deletions

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7510–01–579–9319—Binder, Removable Slant-D Rings, 100% Recyclable, Turned Edge, Black, 3” Capacity, Letter
Designated Source of Supply: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Corpus Christi, TX

Contracting Activity: STRATEGIC ACQUISITION CENTER, FREDERICKSBURG, VA

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7510–01–579–9319—Binder, Removable Slant-D Rings, 100% Recyclable, Turned Edge, Black, 3” Capacity, Letter
Designated Source of Supply: Industries for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., West Allis, WI

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W7NN USPFO ACTIVITY NH ARNG

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application Package for NCCC Impact Evaluation

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, is proposing a renewal to expand the scope of the existing public information collection request (ICR) entitled NCCC Impact Evaluation to include COVID–19 vaccine distribution and related activities case studies.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the ADDRESSES section by January 3, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2021 at Vol. 86, No. 168, 49319. This comment period ended November 3. We received no public comment from this Notice.

Title of Collection: NCCC Impact Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 3045–0189.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents/Affected Public: Current and former AmeriCorps NCCC members, team leaders, and project sponsors conducting COVID–19 vaccine distribution and related activities projects.
Total Estimated Number of Additional Responses: 68648
Total Estimated Number of Additional Burden Hours: 305 hours.

Abstract: NCCC program members have been a crucial part of AmeriCorps COVID–19 pandemic response as personnel on vaccine distribution mission assignments alongside FEMA and other agencies. No one could have anticipated the COVID–19 pandemic, but we have seized an opportunity to develop questions that build on the existing study but are specific to these ongoing activities.

These activities are an essential element of our agency’s COVID–19 pandemic response—one that is also essential to our mission to improve lives and strengthen communities. To further our mission in a time of increasing uncertainty, we aim to collect information on current activity that must be measured now in order to assess, identify, and make any identified programmatic changes. Peak performance of these projects is crucial to our agency’s COVID–19 pandemic response and public safety writ large.

COVID–19 vaccine delivery is of increasing importance as COVID–19 pandemic continues an unpredictable course. In time, we hope, the pandemic will subside, but it is crucial we analyze information on current activity that must be measured now in order to assess, identify, and make any identified programmatic changes. Peak performance of these projects is crucial to our agency’s COVID–19 pandemic response and public safety writ large.

COVID–19 vaccine delivery is of increasing importance as COVID–19 pandemic continues an unpredictable course. In time, we hope, the pandemic will subside, but it is crucial we analyze these mission assignments now to make improvements that will literally save lives. How will this save lives? Currently, just over 59% of Americans are fully vaccinated against the virus. (Source: CDC.gov, accessed 11/29/2021). AmeriCorps NCCC members are increasing access to vaccines and related activities through their service.

Vaccines have proven to decrease severity and fatalities from the COVID–19 virus. Programmatic improvements instituted “in real time” to enhance their efforts will lead to even greater access and a healthier public.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection on regulations.gov.


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; High School Equivalency Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2022 for the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), Assistance Listing Number 84.141A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1894–0006.

DATES:
Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 1, 2022.

Pre-Application Webinar Information: The Department will hold pre-application workshops via webinar for prospective applicants on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. We will repeat the webinar on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESS: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf.


If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The HEP is designed to assist migratory or seasonal farmworkers (or immediate family members of such workers) to obtain the equivalent of a secondary school diploma and subsequently to gain improved employment, enter into military service, or be placed in an institution of higher education (IHE) or other postsecondary education or training.

Priorities: This competition includes one competitive preference priority and one invitational priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), the competitive preference priority is from section 418A(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1070d–2(e)).

Competitive Preference Priority: For FY 2022 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 15 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

Consideration of Prior Experience. (Up to 15 points)
Projects that are expiring (current HEP grantees in their final budget period) will be considered for additional points under this competitive preference priority. In accordance with section 418A(e) of the HEA, the Department will award up to 15 points for this priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 206.31, the Secretary will consider the applicant’s prior experience in implementing its expiring HEP project, based on information that includes:

(a) The number of HEP participants served;
(b) The percentage of HEP participants exiting the program having