

III. Budget/Cost-Effectiveness:

The proposed project must:

1. Include a budget that adequately supports the program design.
2. Include a budget that adheres to budget guidance provided with the application.
3. Describe how the applicant organization is committing resources necessary for program implementation.

H. Application Review

Proposal Evaluation

To ensure fairness to all applicants, the Corporation reserves the right to take action, up to and including disqualification, in the event that a proposal fails to comply with any requirements specified in this Notice.

1. Program Design (60% as described below):

The project application allows the Corporation to assess the capacity of the applicant organization to implement the project and accomplish the purpose of the initiative. The overall quality of the application will be evaluated as follows:

- a. Responsiveness to Getting Things Done Criteria (25%).
- b. Responsiveness to Strengthening Communities Criteria (30%).
- c. Responsiveness to Member Development Criteria (5%).

2. Organizational Capacity (25%):

The applicant organization's capacity to direct, manage, support, provide technical assistance, assess the project, and promote long-term implementation of the project's efforts, must be reflected in the Project Application.

3. Budget (15%):

Applicants must prepare the budget according to information contained in Item D, Scope of Grant, above, and instructions about costs and allowance levels contained in the application kit. A detailed Budget Narrative must identify and justify each line item and cost. The Corporation will assess the cost-effectiveness of the proposed project and the project's ability to leverage significant resources from private and/or public sources.

I. Geographic Diversity

After evaluating the overall quality of the proposal and its responsiveness to the criteria noted above, the Corporation will take into consideration whether funded projects are: (1) geographically diverse, including projects in both urban and rural areas, and projects are identified throughout the five geographical regions as designated by CNS, and (2) in areas of high concentration of low-income residents, including those in empowerment zones, enterprise communities and homeownership zones.

J. Program Authority

Corporation Authority to make these grants is authorized under Title I, Part A of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-113).

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Matt Dunne,

*Director, AmeriCorps*VISTA.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM), U.S. Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed 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 the 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 techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary Manpower and Reserve Affairs, 111 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0111, ATTN: SAMR-MPP, (Kathleen A. Dillion). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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 Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

TITLE, ASSOCIATED FORM, AND OMB NUMBER: Army Recruiting Market Tracking Survey.

NEEDS AND USES: The Army urgently needs redesigned marketing and recruiting strategies. New research is being carried out on the factors that affect youth willingness to enter the Army, the perceptions of their key influencers, patterns of recruiters-youth-influencers interactions, and on youth's and influencers's media habits. That research will provide the baseline information required to design new enlistment options, marketing campaigns, and recruiting strategies. *Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

Annual Burden Hours: 5146.

Number of Respondents: 9,750 (6,500 youth; 3,250 parents).

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour (35 youth; 25 parents).

Frequency: Voluntary.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army requires a second companion survey to provide ongoing assessments of the results of these changes and to pinpoint additional modifications that may be needed to enhance cost-effectiveness and strengthen Army recruiting. The survey will be administered to a national probability sample of youth 16-24 years of age. In half these cases, a shorter interview with one of the respondent's parent will be completed.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law (92-463), announcement is made of the following open meeting:

Name of Committee: Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

Date of Meeting: 11-12 May 2000.

Place: Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Building 54, 14th St. & Alaska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (11 May 2000)—8 a.m.-12 p.m. (12 May 2000).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ridgely Rabold, Center for Advanced Pathology (CAP), AFIP, Building 54, Washington, DC 20306-6000, phone (202) 782-2553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General function of the board: The Scientific Advisory Board provides scientific and professional advice and guidance on programs, policies and procedures of the AFIP.

Agenda: The Board will hear status reports from the AFIP Deputy Director, Center for Advanced Pathology Director, the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and each of the pathology departments which the Board members will visit during the meeting.

Open board discussions: Reports will be given on all visited departments. The reports will consist of findings, recommended areas of further research, and suggested solutions. New trends and/or technologies will be discussed and goals established. The meeting is open to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Logistics Agency****Cost Sharing Cooperative Agreement Applications**

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for cost sharing cooperative agreement applications.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) issued a solicitation for cooperative agreement applications (SCAA) to assist state and local governments and other nonprofit eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs). These centers help business firms market their goods and services to the Department of Defense (DoD), other federal agencies, and state and/or local government agencies. Notice of the issuance of this SCAA was published in the March 17, 1999 **Federal Register** (Volume 64, Number 51, page 13176). This solicitation governs the submission of applications for calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 and applies to all applications from all eligible entities, including Indian Economic Enterprises and Indian Tribal Organizations.

Pursuant to Section "I" paragraph "J" of the SCAA, notice is hereby given that limited additional funds are anticipated to be available in order to accept applications for additional new programs. However, applications will only be accepted from eligible entities

that propose programs that will provide service to areas that are not currently receiving service from an existing program. This provision prohibiting applications from new programs proposing to service areas currently receiving service from an existing program is absolute, and the provisions of Section V, paragraph D. of the SCAA do not apply should a new applicant propose to service an area currently receiving service from an existing program. In addition, Section II of the SCAA is amended by changing the definition of a statewide program so as to prohibit more than one statewide program per state. Section V of the SCAA is amended to include situations where more than one applicant applies as a statewide program for an individual state, as an unacceptable duplicate coverage situation. Section VIII of the SCAA is amended by adding a new paragraph F. "LIMITATIONS" which limits the amount of DoD's funding for any option year to no more than that which was obligated for the base year award and the DoD percentage of total net program cost for any option year shall not be greater than DoD's percentage of total net program cost for the base year award. The March 15, 1999 SCAA is amended as follows; all applications submitted after March 10, 2000 and all PTAC awards made and options exercised after April 1, 2000 shall be governed by this amended version of the SCAA:

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Section II

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30. Statewide program. A PTA program that provides statewide coverage. There can be only one statewide program per state. In the event more than one applicant applies as a statewide program, the procedure in Section V, paragraph D. will be followed. For the purpose of the funding limitations appearing in Section I, paragraph F.3., PTA programs providing services to all the reservations within one of the twelve Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Area Offices (which are Aberdeen, Albuquerque, Anadarko, Billings, Eastern, Juneau, Minneapolis, Muskogee, Navajo, Phoenix, Portland and Sacramento) and at least 50 per cent of the reservations of another BIA Area Office will be considered a statewide program.

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Section V**D. Duplicate Coverage**

Applications whose proposals produce a duplicate coverage situation

will be reviewed by the GO to determine if the extent of duplicate coverage is acceptable or unacceptable. A duplicate coverage situation shall be deemed unacceptable if any of the following occur:

1. An applicant proposes to provide PTA services to more than 25 percent of the total number of counties that another applicant is proposing to service.

2. Two or more applicants **cumulatively** propose to provide PTA service to more than 25 percent of the total number of counties that another individual applicant proposes to service.

3. Two or more applicants apply as statewide programs servicing the same state.

Applicants that propose to provide service primarily to reservations (at least 75% of their total program cost will be dedicated to providing service to reservations) will not be considered to duplicate applicants that do not propose to provide service primarily to reservations, notwithstanding the areas either propose to service.

When the GO determines that an unacceptable duplicate coverage situation exists, only the applicant(s) determined to be most meritorious among those proposing the duplicate coverage situation using the selection procedures listed in Section VI will be considered for award.

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Section VIII

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F. Limitations

The total amount of DoD funding for any program in any option year shall not exceed the total amount *obligated* by DoD for the base year award. The percentage of DoD's share of total net program cost for any option year shall not be greater than the percentage of DoD's share of total net program cost for the base year award. (end of SCAA revisions)

DATES: On line submissions of applications for new programs will be available on or about March 20, 2000. The closing date for the submission of applications is May 5, 2000.

The SCAA is currently available for review on the Internet Website: <http://www.dla.mil/scaa>

Printed copies are not available for distribution.

Eligible entities may only submit an application as outlined in Section IV of the SCAA. In order to comply with the electronic portion of the submission, applicants must obtain a log in account and password from DLA. To obtain