

print a copy of the payment statement and that approximately 52,439 maintenance fee payments per year will be submitted online, for a total of 52 hours per year for printing this receipt. Using the paraprofessional rate of \$81 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the recordkeeping cost associated with this collection will be approximately \$4,212 per year.

The public may submit the forms and petitions in this collection to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. If the submission is sent by first-class mail, the public may also include a signed certification of the date of mailing in order to receive credit for timely filing. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed submission will be 39 cents, and that customers filing a Maintenance Fee Transmittal

Form, a "Fee Address" Indication Form, or any of the petitions included in this collection may choose to mail their submissions to the USPTO. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that up to 322,267 submissions per year may be mailed to the USPTO, for a total postage cost of \$125,684 per year.

This collection also has filing costs in the form of patent maintenance fees, surcharges for late payment of maintenance fees, and petition fees. Under 37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g), the patent maintenance fees due at 3½ years, 7½ years, and 11½ years after the date of grant are \$900, \$2,300, and \$3,800 respectively (\$450, \$1,150, and \$1,900 for small entities). The surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(h) for paying a maintenance fee during the six-month grace period following the above intervals is \$130 (\$65 for small entities).

The surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i) for a petition to accept a maintenance fee after the six-month grace period for these intervals has expired is \$700 where the delayed payment is shown to be unavoidable and \$1,640 where the delayed payment is shown to be unintentional. The filing fee listed in 37 CFR 1.17(g) for a petition to review the refusal to accept the payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to the expiration of a patent is \$200. The filing fee listed in 37 CFR 1.17(f) for a petition for reconsideration of the decision on a petition refusing to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee in an expired patent is \$400. The USPTO estimates that the total filing costs associated with this collection will be \$436,355,695 per year as calculated in the accompanying table.

Fee or surcharge	Estimated annual responses	Amount of fee or surcharge	Estimated annual filing costs
Patent maintenance fee at 3½ years	104,016	\$900	\$93,614,400
Patent maintenance fee at 3½ years (small entity)	34,552	450	15,548,400
Patent maintenance fee at 7½ years	62,950	2,300	144,785,000
Patent maintenance fee at 7½ years (small entity)	17,061	1,150	19,620,150
Patent maintenance fee at 11½ years	37,545	3,800	142,671,000
Patent maintenance fee at 11½ years (small entity)	8,118	1,900	15,424,200
Surcharge for paying maintenance fee during the six-month grace period	6,909	130	898,170
Surcharge for paying maintenance fee during the six-month grace period (small entity)	9,775	65	635,375
Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b))	250	700	175,000
Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c))	1,800	1,640	2,952,000
Petition to Review Refusal to Accept Payment of Maintenance Fee Prior to Expiration of Patent (37 CFR 1.377)	100	200	20,000
Petition for Reconsideration of Decision on Petition Refusing to Accept Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(e))	30	400	12,000
"Fee Address" Indication Form	91,600	0	0
Total	374,706	436,355,695

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of recordkeeping costs, postage costs, and filing costs is estimated to be \$436,485,591 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 16, 2005.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 19 January 2006 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's

offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: <http://www.cfa.gov>. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, December 16, 2005.

Thomas Luebke,
Secretary.

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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"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps Application Instructions: State Competitive, State Education Award Program, National Direct, National Direct Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, States and Territories without Commissions, and National Planning, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps, Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director of Policy, (202) 606-6930, or by e-mail at ABorgstrom@cns.gov. 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.

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by February 21, 2006.

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, AmeriCorps State and National, Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director for Policy, 1201 New York Ave. 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) 606-3476, Attention Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director for Policy.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Borgstrom, (202) 606-6930 or by e-mail at aborgstrom@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 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

Since the President's Call to Service, many Americans have expressed a renewed desire to serve their country by volunteering in their community. Now, we have an obligation to ensure that Americans have quality opportunities to serve. The Corporation for National and Community Service (the "Corporation") has amended the regulations that apply to the AmeriCorps national service program to clarify the Corporation's requirements for program sustainability, performance measures and evaluation, capacity-building activities by AmeriCorps members, qualifications for tutors, and other requirements. The implementation of these changes through the rulemaking process includes ensuring the Corporation's information collection instruments accurately reflect these issues. In an effort to be compliant while maintaining functions essential to the operations of each State Commission and AmeriCorps program, we are submitting the enclosed request to OMB for approval of information collection activities. This submission includes application instructions for AmeriCorps State

Competitive, State Education Award, National Direct, National Direct Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, States and Territories without Commissions, and National Planning programs.

Current Action

Type of Review: Renewal; previously granted emergency approval by OMB.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps Application

Instructions: State Competitive, State Education Award Program, National Direct, National Direct Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, States and Territories without Commissions, and National Planning.

OMB Number: 3045-0047.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, State, local and tribal.

Total Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 16 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 32,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):

None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: December 16, 2005.

Rosie Mauk,

Director, AmeriCorps.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Nominations for Membership on Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) is soliciting nominations for new members.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted no later than February 3, 2006.

ADDRESS: Nominations should be submitted via E-Mail to LCDR Cory Huyssoon, U.S. Navy, at huyssoc@onr.navy.mil.

Contact Information: Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1425, ATTN: ONR Code 322B Room 1075, Arlington, VA 22203-1995, telephone 703-696-4395.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Melbourne G. Briscoe, Office of Naval