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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on March 5, 2002, at the Charleston Job Corps Center, 1000 Kennawa Drive, Charleston, West Virginia 25311. The Committee will hold a planning meeting to discuss its draft report based on three community forums held between 1998 and 2000, coordinate information gathered from newly elected officials, and plan future projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Chairperson Gregory T. Hinton, 304-367-4244, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; 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) to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bruce Kellogg, at (202) 606-5000, extension 526.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (800) 833-3722 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Brenda Aguilar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**.

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 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.

An ICR document has been submitted to OMB for consideration concerning two forms, each a proposed revision to an earlier OMB-approved form. They are:

- (1) The *Forbearance Request Form* (OMB #3045-0030), and
- (2) the *Interest Accrual Form* (OMB #3045-0053).

These are the documents by which AmeriCorps members first request postponement, during their term of service, of their obligation to make payments on qualified student loans and then access the interest payment benefit that they have earned by successfully completing their service. Both forms are important for AmeriCorps members who have

outstanding qualified student loans during their period of national service.

The document was published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2001, for a 60-day pre-clearance public comment period. Only one organization, a loan servicing organization, requested a copy of the document. Four of its suggestions concerning the Interest Accrual Form were incorporated into the version now being presented to OMB for consideration. Three other suggestions were not incorporated, mainly due to space considerations and the Corporation's belief that the time allotted for forwarding the form will not cause undue delay.

Each form will be individually discussed below.

#### A. Forbearance Request Form

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Forbearance Request Form.

*OMB Number:* OMB #3045-0030.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* AmeriCorps members and the holders of their qualified student loans.

*Total Respondents:* 6,500 annually.

*Frequency:* Average of once per year of national service per loan.

*Average Time Per Response:* Ten minutes for the AmeriCorps member to complete the form.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1083 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

#### Description

AmeriCorps members may request a suspension of their obligation to repay most qualified student loans not in default during their service period. The purpose of the forbearance is to accommodate the minimal living allowance they receive while they complete their term of service, although interest continues to accrue during this period.

Currently, AmeriCorps members use an OMB approved form entitled *Forbearance Request for National Service* to obtain certification that they are in an approved national service position. The form also serves as the borrower's official request to the loan companies for forbearance. Since forbearance is granted by the loan holder and not the Corporation, the form requests of the loan holder that a forbearance be approved for the national service. The Corporation's role is to verify that the borrower is an AmeriCorps member and is eligible for