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### PART 1217—VISTA VOLUNTEER LEADER

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#### § 1217.1 Introduction.

Section 105(a)(1), Part A, of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-113, 87 Stat. 398, authorizes the Director of ACTION to pay VISTA volunteers a stipend not to exceed \$50 per month and a stipend not to exceed \$75 a month in the case of VISTA volunteers who have served for at least a year and have been designated volunteer leaders. Section 105(a)(1) further provides that the selection of volunteer leaders shall be pursuant to standards, established in regulations which the Director shall prescribe, which shall be based upon the experience and special skills and the demonstrated leadership of such persons among volunteers.

#### § 1217.2 Establishment of position.

A request for the proposed establishment of VISTA volunteer leader position for a specific project shall be submitted by a sponsor in writing in advance to the appropriate ACTION Regional Director. Specific tasks, responsibilities, qualifications, and the proposed supervisory structure are to be detailed in the request.

#### § 1217.3 Qualifications.

A volunteer recommended for a VISTA volunteer leader position must have:

(a) Completed a one-year term as a VISTA volunteer.

(b) Demonstrated ability to work constructively and communicate with

volunteers, supervisor/sponsor, and the target population.

(c) Demonstrated ability to work well with and gain acceptance of other volunteers.

(d) Demonstrated ability to provide self-motivation and self-direction, and maturity to accept supervision and direction from supervisor/sponsor.

(e) Sensitivity to the needs and attitudes of others, and exhibit a sincere commitment to the mission of VISTA.

#### § 1217.4 Selection procedure.

(a) *Nomination.* Candidates may be nominated in writing to the Regional Director by the Program Officer or the State Program Director in whose area the volunteer serves. The nomination shall include a copy of the completed ACTION Form V-95a, for the Regional Director's review.

(b) *Selection.* VISTA volunteer leaders will be selected by the Regional Director (or his designee). The criteria for selection shall include:

(1) The recommendation of the volunteer by the State Program Director or Program Officer.

(2) An overall rating by the supervisor/sponsor of above average on the ACTION Form V-95a.

(3) A description of specific tasks, responsibilities, qualifications, and the proposed supervisory structure, which justifies the establishment of the VISTA volunteer leader position. A selection decision is final.

(c) *Reenrollment.* VISTA volunteer leaders may be reenrolled in accordance with the VISTA reenrollment and extension policy.

#### § 1217.5 Allowances and benefits.

The VISTA volunteer leader shall be entitled to all allowances and benefits of a VISTA volunteer at the level which is consistent with the level for all volunteers on his/her project, except that:

(a) The stipend will be increased from \$50 to \$75 per month effective on the date of selection of the VISTA volunteer leader.

(b) Support for on-the-job transportation may be increased, consistent with ACTION policy.

**§ 1217.6 Roles of volunteers.**

VISTA volunteer leaders may have the following roles:

- (a) Primary contact with VISTA volunteers on personal and administrative matters.
- (b) Aid in communication of VISTA policies to VISTA volunteers.
- (c) Encourage and develop VISTA volunteer leadership and initiative on projects.
- (d) Aid as a resource in development and conduct of training programs.
- (e) Assist sponsor in preparation for arrival of VISTA volunteers, and assist new volunteers in settling-in, housing, orientation, etc.
- (f) Aid in the development of meaningful relationship and understanding of individual program concepts with VISTA volunteers and supervisor/sponsor.
- (g) Advise supervisor on potential problem areas, and needs of VISTA volunteers.
- (h) Aid supervisor/sponsor in the re-development of projects to best meet goals and objectives addressing the community's problem(s).

mestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-113, 87 Stat. 396.

**§ 1218.3 Policy.**

It is ACTION's policy to encourage the free exchange of views between volunteers and staff members with respect to the terms and conditions of the volunteers' service. Ordinarily these exchanges occur in the day-to-day contact between volunteers and staff. However, there are occasions when it is desirable to provide volunteers with an opportunity to present their views with respect to the terms and conditions of their service in a more formal way. The differences between ACTION regions require that the means selected in each region to accomplish this result be appropriate to its particular needs. This regulation provides standards within which regions must establish a procedure to enable volunteers to present their views to be heard with respect to the terms and conditions of their service on a regular basis by appropriate ACTION officials and receive a timely response to their concerns.

**PART 1218—VISTA VOLUNTEERS—HEARING OPPORTUNITY**

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**§ 1218.1 Introduction.**

Section 104(d) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-113, 87 Stat. 398 requires that the Director of ACTION establish a procedure, including notice and an opportunity to be heard, for VISTA volunteers to present views in connection with the terms and conditions of their service.

**§ 1218.2 Applicability.**

This part applies to all volunteers enrolled under part A of title I of the Do-

**§ 1218.4 Standards for regional plan.**

Each ACTION Domestic Regional Director shall recommend, after consultation with representative volunteers, sponsors, and other interested persons, the specific procedures to be established for VISTA volunteers to present their views concerning the terms and conditions of their service. Each proposed plan must incorporate the following features:

- (a) A free and open opportunity for volunteers to communicate their views to appropriate ACTION regional office officials.
- (b) An opportunity for all volunteers to be heard with respect to their views in connection with the terms and conditions of their service by a responsible ACTION regional office official, either personally, or through democratically selected representatives, on a regular basis. The plan must provide such an opportunity to the volunteer at least twice in each year, and provide for notice to volunteers of the time and place of the meeting at which they may be heard.