GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Corporation for National and Community Service is opening a new AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) campus in Vinton, Iowa, in June 2008. The 160-member campus will serve the North Central Region of the United States, including Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. It will be located at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, which will remain operational.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based, 10-month residential program for men and women ages 18-24. Based at five regional campuses across the country, approximately 1,100 members serve with NCCC each year. NCCC members respond in teams of 10-12 to address unmet needs that are identified by local and national nonprofit organizations and government agencies, such as Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, Camp Courageous (Monticello, Iowa), and Miracles in Motion Handicapped Horsemanship (Cedar Rapids). NCCC members are trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response, and firefighting. Among other activities, members construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, tutor students, clean up streams, and help communities prepare for and respond to disasters.

CAMPUS STATS & SCHEDULE

- 160 members, 25% of which will be recruited locally
- Team Leaders Report: June 10, 2008
- Members Report: July 8, 2008
- Induction: August 1, 2008
- Graduation: May 1, 2009
- 100% of first-round service projects to serve Iowa communities

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

AmeriCorps NCCC membership is open to U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents between the ages of 18 and 24.

LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Employment: Approximately 20 jobs: 12 direct (NCCC staff) and 8 indirect (maintenance, food service, and other contracts)
- Personal Wages & Salaries: $1.2 M (approx.)
- Business Revenue: $1.4 M (approx.)

MEMBER BENEFITS

During their service, members receive:

- Modest living allowance
- Health coverage
- Training
- Student loan deferment

Upon successful completion of their service, members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of up to $4,725 to pay for college or graduate school or to pay back qualified student loans. Estimated value of Education Awards for Iowa residents: $812,700

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