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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) (Act) established the FirstNet Authority as an independent authority within NTIA. The Act directs the FirstNet Authority to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Authority Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding the FirstNet Authority’s operations.

Matters to be Considered: The FirstNet Authority will post a detailed agenda for the Combined Board and Board Committees Meeting on FirstNet.gov prior to the meeting. The agenda topics are subject to change. Please note that the subjects discussed by the Board and Board Committees may involve commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, or other legal matters affecting the FirstNet Authority. As such, the Board may, by majority vote, close the meeting only for the time necessary to preserve the confidentiality of such information, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

Other Information: The Combined Board and Board Committees Meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Janell Smith at (202) 257–5929 or email: Janell.Smith@FirstNet.gov at least five (5) business days (September 23) before the meeting.

Records: The FirstNet Authority maintains records of all Board proceedings. Minutes of the Combined Board and Board Committees Meeting will be available on FirstNet.gov.


Janell Smith,
Board Secretary, First Responder Network Authority.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List: Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Date added to the Procurement List: October 18, 2020.

ADDITIONS: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 603–2117, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 5/22/2020, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501–8506) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type: Document Management/Document Conversion

Mandatory for: Army National Guard, Temple Army Readiness Center, Arlington, VA

Mandatory Source of Supply: Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, DC; Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX;

Contracting Activity: Dept of the Army, W39L

USA NG Readiness Center

The Committee finds good cause to dispense with the 30-day delay in the effective date normally required by the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. 553(d). This addition to the Committee’s Procurement List is effectuated because of the expiration of the current U.S. Army National Guard contract. The Federal customer contacted, and has worked diligently with the AbilityOne Program to fulfill this service need under the AbilityOne Program. To avoid performance disruption, and the possibility that the U.S. Army National Guard will refer its business elsewhere, this addition must be effective on September 28, 2020, ensuring timely execution for a September 28, 2020, start date while still allowing 10 days for comment. Pursuant to its own regulation 41 CFR 51–2.4, the Committee conducted an impact analysis on the current contractor and found that there was not severe adverse impact on the current contractor. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the Federal Register on May 22, 2020, and did not receive any comments from any interested persons, including from the incumbent contractor. This addition will not create a public hardship and has limited effect on the public at large, but, rather, will create new jobs for other affected parties—people with significant disabilities in the AbilityOne program who otherwise face challenges securing employment. Moreover, this addition will enable Federal customer operations to continue without interruption.

Michael R. Jurkowski,
Deputy Director, Business & PL Operations.
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Response to Comment Request; Civic Engagement and Volunteering: Current Population Survey Supplement

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice; response to comments.
SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) published a document in the Federal Register on July 1, 2020 requesting public comment on a public information collection request (ICR) entitled The Civic Engagement and Volunteering Supplement (CEV) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This document provides the agency response to comments received during the 60-day comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director of Policy, 202–422–2781.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2020 at Vol. 85 No. 127 FR 39537 39538. This comment period ended August 31, 2020. CNCS received 23 comments in response to the Notice. A majority of these comments (n = 18) supported the formal comments submitted by AL!VE, a national membership organization of over 500 leaders and professionals in volunteer engagement, and ASC, the association of the 52 Governor-supported state service commissions, which administer nearly 80% of AmeriCorps State and National Funding and support an ethic of service in their states and territories. The comments submitted by each organization and referenced by 16 other organizations are available at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://beta.regulations.gov/document/CNCS-2020-0011-0020. In summary, the comments and agency responses to these coordinated and thoughtful comments are as follows:

Reinstate questions on types of activity, types of organization, who asked respondent to volunteer for the organization, and number of organizations volunteered with in past year. The re-designed supplement is intended to focus on the broader concept of civic engagement, of which volunteering is one component. The re-designed supplement incorporates many of the recommendations made by the National Academy of Sciences, as well as recommendations made by experts in the field of civic engagement, social capital and volunteering. The agency reduced the number of questions based on Census recommendations to decrease burden and to increase response rates. The agency utilized statistical methods to validate the questions retained to ensure they measure desired constructs. The agency is conducting other volunteer research through its grant program to explore more detailed questions about civic engagement and volunteering.

Request that the balance of the questions be provided between the civic and volunteering questions. The re-designed supplement is intended to focus on the broader concept of civic engagement, of which volunteering is one component. The re-designed supplement incorporates many of the recommendations made by the National Academy of Sciences, as well as recommendations made by experts in the field of civic engagement, social capital and volunteering. The agency reduced the number of questions based on Census recommendations to decrease burden and to increase response rates. The agency utilized statistical methods to validate the questions retained to ensure they measure desired constructs.

Request that CNCS reinstate its practice of conducting a standard data analysis and report of data collected in the Volunteering and Civic Life Assessment, making results accessible and searchable to the general public. The agency has experienced staffing constraints in the Office of Research and Evaluation and the Office of Information Technology making it challenging to conduct analysis, reporting, and public access to the information.

It is critical that CNCS does not lose sight of the volunteerism portion of its mission, which is how most Americans engage in giving back to their community . . . which includes a central focus on researching and promoting community volunteerism and volunteer engagement in America more broadly. The agency agrees and anticipates a continuation and future resourcing of its volunteer research program.

It is important for CNCS to fix the 2019 supplement so future data is high quality and comparable to past federal data collections (2002 to 2015).

Over a decade of national trend data indicates relatively little variation in the national rates of civic behaviors, including demographic variations. As such the volunteer research program has been expanded to include more local examinations of civic behaviors and to explore the use of alternative data sources. Keeping the instrument relatively stable for a third administration of the combined supplement will help ensure data quality moving forward.

Ensure that the federal government collects and reports annually on the trends in service and civic life. Over a decade of national trend data indicates relatively little variation in the national rates of civic behaviors, including demographic variations. As such the volunteer research program has been expanded to include more local examinations of civic behaviors and to explore the use of alternative data sources. Annual data on national service trends is collected via an annual member exit survey and is separate from this instrument which collects data from a nationally representative sample of the U.S. population who may or may not engage in civic behaviors like volunteering and who may or may not receive stipends like participants in national service programs. Statute and annual appropriations provide resources for this research—how is the agency using these resources? The agency uses Congressional appropriations to pay the U.S. Census Bureau to administer the VCLA/CEV supplement on a biannual schedule.

When the CPS supplement is not being administered, the agency uses the appropriations to support its volunteer research grant program (for more information see https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/research-evaluation/research-competition). The agency has a different appropriations line for professional staffing which is the resource gap that has affected analysis, reporting, and access to the dataset.

In addition to these comments, there were requests to move the order of the survey items, combine questions, remove questions, and expand upon questions. Two requests for adding COVID–19 related questions and two requests for adding questions specific to disasters were received. The items in their current order and structure have been tested and used for the 2017 and 2019 administrations of the survey. The agency’s goal is to maintain relative stability in the instrument for a third administration to maintain the integrity and comparability of the data. Two new questions were added.
however, to facilitate the transition from employment-related questions in the Current Population Survey to the questions in the CEV. These new questions address one request to add employment-based volunteering and civic engagement behaviors.

Finally, two additional types of comments were received. One category of comments references the importance of including volunteer engagement practitioners in agency decision-making about this national survey. The other type of comment references the importance of considering the full continuum of volunteering and civic behaviors and not just the more formal types of civic engagement behaviors measured in this supplement.

The agency remains committed to being responsive to the expertise and information needs of all public stakeholders. The agency’s statutorily mandated volunteer research program will continue to evolve. The goal is continuous learning and improvement and this supplement is a key component of our overall volunteer research program.

The CEV, however, comes with constraints in terms of number of survey items and time demands we can ask of respondents. Addressing the wide range of important questions about volunteering and civic engagement of interest to practitioners, researchers, and policymakers will require a comprehensive, multi-faceted strategy. The agency has begun designing and implementing this multi-dimensional approach and looks forward to building upon progress made to date in partnership with all interested stakeholders.


Mary Hyde,
Director, Office of Research and Evaluation.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Navy
Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Submarine Dry Dock and Waterproof Production Facility at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Oahu, Hawaii, and To Announce the Public Scoping Meeting; Corrections

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice; corrections.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy published a document in the Federal Register of September 15, 2020, concerning its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation of a submarine dry dock (DD) replacement and waterfront production facility (WPF) at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Oahu, Hawaii and announce the public scoping period. The document contained incorrect dates and omitted details concerning the request for public comment.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Correction
In the Federal Register of September 15, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020–19961, on page 57194, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 57195, in the first column, correct the DATES caption to read:

DATES: The Navy is initiating a 35-day public scoping process beginning on September 15, 2020 and extending through October 19, 2020. The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify community interests and to receive comments on the scope of the EIS and the project’s potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, including identification of potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the proposed action. This public scoping process starts with the publication of this Notice of Intent. The Navy is providing two web-based platforms for the public to learn about the Proposed Action and provide scoping comments. All comments are due by October 19, 2020. The Navy intends to publish the Draft EIS in July of 2021, the Final EIS in April 2022 with a Record of Decision signed in September 2022.

2. On page 57195, in the first column, correct the second sentence in paragraph 1. of the ADDRESSES caption to read: The virtual Open House will be available at www.PearlHarborDryDockEISOpenHouse.org from 12:00 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) on September 15, 2020, to 11:59 p.m. (HST) on October 19, 2020.

3. On page 57195, in the second column, correct SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION to read: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Depot maintenance for PHNSY & IMF requires four DDs capable of docking current and future classes of submarines. In addition, to accommodate future submarine maintenance demands at PHNSY & IMF and improve operational readiness, the time spent servicing each submarine at the DD must be reduced. Infrastructure improvements and rearrangement of functions at PHNSY are, therefore, needed to ensure adequate capacity and operational efficiency.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide appropriate DD capacity at PHNSY & IMF to meet depot maintenance requirements and to provide a properly sized and configured WPF to enable efficient submarine maintenance.

The Navy proposes DD replacement at PHNSY & IMF capable of performing depot-level maintenance on current and future fast-attack submarines. To meet the purpose and need, the Navy’s Proposed Action is to construct and operate a graving DD replacement and WPF at PHNSY & IMF, including permanent ancillary facilities such as new power and utilities. A graving or excavated DD is one that is constructed on land near the shore, using concrete. Other construction-related actions would include dredging, upgrade or replacement of new in-water structures, demolition of existing upland structures, and construction of new upland facilities.

The Navy has identified four preliminary action alternatives to carry forward for analysis in the EIS along with the No Action alternative. These alternatives will be further refined based on input received from the public and resource agencies during scoping.

Alternative 1 (No Action Alternative) would be no change from the status quo. A submarine DD replacement and WPF would not be built, and PHNSY & IMF would continue to service submarines using its existing infrastructure. Following the phasing out of the Los Angeles Class submarine in 2022, DD 3 would no longer be capable of servicing any active submarines due to size limitations.

Alternative 2 would consist of a covered graving DD replacement and bridge crane. A new WPF would be located east of the DD, servicing both the replacement DD and DD #2.

Alternative 3 would consist of a covered graving DD replacement and bridge crane. A new WPF would be located west of the DD and would service only the replacement DD.

Alternative 4 would consist of an uncovered graving DD replacement,