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 (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps Member Exit Questionnaire for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork 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, Diana Epstein at 202–606–7564 or email to depstein@cns.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call 1–800–833–3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register:
(1) By fax to: 202–395–6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; or
(2) By email to: smar@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:
• 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the Federal Register on September 17, 2014. This comment period ended November 17, 2014. Two public comments were received from this Notice.

One commenter suggested engaging state service commissions in the survey planning process to avoid duplicating efforts to collect member experience data. CNCS engages state service commissions on a regular basis.

The second commenter offered the following suggestions.

Survey Question 7. Public comment: Recommend spelling out the acronyms PISO and CTI. CNCS response: This change was discussed with our working group and with pilot respondents participating in cognitive interviewing, but was found not to be needed.

Survey Questions 5a, 5b, and 5c. Public comment: This is the first survey asking questions about affiliation with the legal applicant (e.g., childcare or healthcare coverage) or change language to ask about affiliation with the legal applicant as not all program operators are nonprofits. CNCS response: Since we did not uncover confusion in our cognitive interviews or qualitative analysis, we decided not to add examples.

Survey Question 19. Public comment: Is it truly the frequency that you’re interested in or whether or not the program provided them with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform those activities? CNCS response: Though we certainly are interested in whether programs are providing members with the training and opportunities needed to develop these skills, we chose to assess frequency of skill usage.

Survey Question 6. Public comment: Item a, when referencing co-worker are you referring to a fellow AmeriCorps member or other employees at the service location? CNCS response: Co-worker could refer to any individual in a service or workplace setting.

Survey Question 7. Public comment: Do you want the respondent to answer this based on their AmeriCorps experience or in general? May want to have a lead-in clause similar to question 8. CNCS response: Answers to this survey should be based on the member’s AmeriCorps experience.

Question 11: Public comment. Although the question specifically references discussions with friends and family, a member may believe some of the selections within this question are leading them to answer about potential involvement in prohibited activities.

If trying to assess whether or not AmeriCorps has led them to be more civically engaged in the last 12 months, might want to rephrase the introduction statement/question. CNCS response: We have eliminated all questions referencing potentially prohibited activities.

Question 18. Public comment: Item c, may want to add a few examples or a national nonprofit (e.g., Red Cross, City Year, etc.) or change language to ask about affiliation with the legal applicant as not all program operators are nonprofits. CNCS response: Since we did not uncover confusion in our cognitive interviews or qualitative analysis, we decided not to add examples.

Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Public comment: The commenter also wondered if CNCS was interested in knowing about how members’ benefits (e.g., childcare or healthcare coverage) impacted the service experience or satisfaction. CNCS response: This was not indicated as an area of interest by the working group or other internal stakeholders, so no questions related to benefits will be included in this survey. It is possible that future projects or survey supplements could ask about the impact of member benefits.

Public comment: The commenter also suggested that we include a question that could identify the specific states where members served, for use in reporting findings to state offices and commissions. CNCS response: Rather than include another question in the survey, we are exploring mechanisms to connect exit survey data to existing data on member service locations.

Description: CNCS is seeking approval of AmeriCorps Member Exit Questionnaire, CNCS seeks to renew the current information collection. The questionnaire submitted for clearance is a combination of new and existing content from the previously cleared exit questionnaire. The new content reflects changing agency and program priorities. In addition, some approved questions have been edited to make them easier to understand and to provide more useful information for programs. The new
questions include data points on problem-solving and cross-cultural communication skills. The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. CNCS also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Renewal.
Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.
Title: Performance Measurement in AmeriCorps.
OMB Number: 3045–0094.
Agency Number: None.
Affected Public: AmeriCorps members.
Total Respondents: 80,000.
Frequency: Annual.
Average Time per Response: Averages 15 minutes.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 20,000.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.
Stephen Plank,
Director, Office of Research and Evaluation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army
[Docket ID USA–2014–0046]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice to alter a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army proposes to alter a system of records, A0715 DAJA, entitled “Army Procurement Fraud Branch Misconduct Files”, in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This system is used to determine whether criminal, administrative, or civil proceedings should be initiated against the contractor with the government or government procurement officials for criminal or other misconduct, or unsatisfactory performance in connection with procurement activities and to maintain and distribute a list of contractors determined to be ineligible to participate in Government procurement activities.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before January 9, 2015. This proposed action will be effective on the day following the end of the comment period unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:


Follow the instructions for submitting comments.


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Leroy Jones, Jr., Department of the Army, Privacy Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Suite 144, Alexandria, VA 22325–3905 or by calling (703) 428–6185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army’s notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the address in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT or from the Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Office Web site at http://dpcl0.defense.gov/.

The proposed systems reports, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, as amended were submitted on November 24, 2014, to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,” dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: December 5, 2014.
Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

A0715 DAJA

SYSTEM NAME:
Procurement Misconduct Files (July 26, 2001, 66 FR 39027).

CHANGES:
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SYSTEM NAME:
Delete entry and replace with “Army Procurement Fraud Branch Misconduct Files.”

SYSTEM LOCATION:
Delete entry and replace with “United States Army Legal Services Agency, Procurement Fraud Branch, 9275 Gunston Road, Building 1450, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060–5546.”

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Delete entry and replace with “Individuals or legal entities investigated for alleged procurement misconduct, such as fraudulent activities in securing or performing a government contract, or other conduct indicating a lack of present responsibility within the meaning of the Federal Acquisition Regulations.”

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
Delete entry and replace with “Criminal and administrative investigations of fraudulent, criminal, or other misconduct or unsatisfactory performance in connection with government procurement activities; names of individuals; procurement fraud case number; and the list of parties excluded from procurement programs.”

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
Delete entry and replace with “10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 48 CFR Chapter 2, Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations; Federal Acquisition Regulations 9.406–3; DoD Instruction 7050.05, Coordination of Remedies for Fraud and Corruption Related to Procurement Activities; and Army Regulation 27–40, Chapter 8, Litigation, Remedies in Procurement Fraud and Corruption.”

PURPOSE(S):
Delete entry and replace with “To determine whether criminal, administrative, or civil proceedings should be initiated against the contractor with the government or government procurement officials for criminal or other misconduct, or