

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: University of Louisiana at Monroe

Applicant ID: 13SR143812

Project Name: Lincoln/Bienville RSVP

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from only the external reviewer on the blended panel. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

External Reviewer's Summary Comments:

Strengths:

The application provides a clear and highly compelling description of the unmet community need including US Census and Economic Fact Book data as well as data from the school system regarding student performance and special needs learning.

The application describes significant service to military personnel including a "mentoring a veteran" program which is modeled after a program with national success.

The applicant provides a clear plan to recruit and develop volunteer pool through partnerships that have yield success in the past as well as pulling from community resources such as healthcare, law enforcement professionals, and retirement planning seminars.

The active recognition of volunteers throughout the year is evidenced by plans to highlight a volunteer monthly and through individualized conversations of satisfaction during site visits.

The applicant provides a clear and realistic plan to manage and assess fiscal oversight with partnerships in place which includes processing by the Grants and Contracts Office and other University departments.

Weaknesses: