

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Applicant ID: 13SR143832

Project Name: RSVP of Polk County Board of County Commissioners

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 applicant includes clear information on what the service activities are and how they address the National Performance Measures in the Primary Focus Area of Education.

Plans are being developed to establish relationships with local veteran organizations and groups.

The proposal provides a clear plan for retention which includes volunteer recognition provided in a variety of ways including simple notes and cards, certificate, and a yearly volunteer recognition banquet. The applicant also works to honor their volunteers by submitting nominations to a variety of local, regional and national awards.

38% of unduplicated volunteers are identified in the work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

The applicant has worked with station supervisors regarding changes to meet community needs. Graduating stations have been identified and letters will be sent to impacted volunteers to minimize disruption.

Provides data collection processes including how the outputs and outcomes will be collected consistently and accurately including academic performance in literacy and /or math.

Criminal history background checks are included in the budget.

Weaknesses:

The titles for the various staff positions are not consistent in the proposal and budget.