

Effective on August 21, 1998, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit <sup>1</sup>
Fabric Group 219, 313-O <sup>2</sup> , 314-O <sup>3</sup> , 315-O <sup>4</sup> , 317-O <sup>5</sup> , 326-O <sup>6</sup> , 617, 625/626/627/628/629, as a group.	165,959,749 square meters of which not more than 40,184,564 square meters shall be in Category 219; not more than 49,114,466 square meters shall be in Category 313-O; not more than 28,575,690 square meters shall be in Category 314-O; not more than 38,398,585 square meters shall be in Category 315-O; not more than 40,184,564 square meters shall be in Category 317-O; not more than 4,464,950 square meters shall be in Category 326-O; and not more than 26,789,711 square meters shall be in Category 617.
Sublevel in Fabric Group 625/626/627/628/629	18,089,753 square meters of which not more than 8,538,363 shall be in Category 625; not more than 7,235,901 square meters shall be in Category 626; not more than 7,235,901 square meters shall be in Category 627; not more than 7,235,901 square meters shall be in Category 628; and not more than 7,235,901 square meters shall be in Category 629.
Limits not in a group 351/651 ..... 352/652 ..... 361 ..... 369-S <sup>7</sup> .....	1,046,710 dozen. 1,329,887 dozen. 2,281,256 numbers. 1,881,616 kilograms.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997 and May 31, 1998 (352/652).

<sup>2</sup> Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

<sup>3</sup> Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

<sup>4</sup> Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

<sup>5</sup> Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

<sup>6</sup> Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.

<sup>7</sup> Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Availability of Funds for National Provider of Training and Technical Assistance to National Service Programs Operated by Indian Tribes or Involving Native Americans**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$100,000 to provide training and technical assistance (T/TA) to national service programs supported by the Corporation that are operated by Indian Tribes or involve Native Americans. The Corporation expects to make one award in the form of a one-year cooperative agreement with the possibility of extension based on performance, need, and availability of funds.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received by the Corporation by 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on September 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All proposals should be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525, Attention: Laurel Ithator, Room 9808.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Ekstrom or Susan Schechter at the Corporation for National and Community Service, (202) 606-5000, ext. 461, T.D.D. (202) 565-2799. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for persons with visual impairments.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Corporation for National and Community Service was established in 1993 to engage Americans of all ages

and backgrounds in service in their communities. The Corporation's national and community service programs provide opportunities for participants to serve full-time and part-time, with or without stipend, as individuals or as a part of a team. AmeriCorps\*State/National, VISTA, and National Civilian Community Corps engage thousands of Americans on a full- or part-time basis at more than 1,000 locations to help communities meet their toughest challenges. Learn and Serve America integrates service into the academic life of more than 800,000 students in all 50 states. The National Senior Service Corps utilizes the skills, talents and experience of over 500,000 older Americans to help make communities stronger, safer, healthier and smarter.

The Corporation directly operates the AmeriCorps\*VISTA \*NCCC programs. More than 4,000 AmeriCorps\*VISTA members serve to develop grassroots programs, mobilize resources and build capacity for service programs across the nation. AmeriCorps\*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) provides an opportunity for approximately 1,000 individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 to participate in a residential program principally located on downsized military bases.

The Corporation provides assistance to organizations that carry out AmeriCorps\*State/National, Learn and Serve America, and National Senior Service Corps programs. AmeriCorps\*State/National programs, which involve 25,000 Americans each year in results-driven community service, are grant programs managed by (1) State Commissions that select and oversee programs operated by local organizations, (2) national non-profit organizations that identify and act as parent organizations for operating sites across the country; (3) Indian tribes; or (4) U.S. Territories. Learn and Serve America grants provide service learning opportunities for students in K-12 and higher education settings. The National Senior Service Corps operates through grants to local organizations for Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP), Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions to provide service to their communities. For additional information on the national service program supported by the Corporation, go to <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

**II. Eligibility**

Public agencies, non-profit organizations (i.e., youth-serving groups, community-based organizations, and service organizations), institutions of higher education, Indian tribes, and

for-profit companies are eligible to apply. Based on previous T/TA provider application processes and the Corporation's estimate of the number of potential applicants, the Corporation expects fewer than ten applications to be submitted.

### III. Period of Assistance and Other Conditions

#### A. Cooperative Agreements

Awards made under this Notice will be in the form of cooperative agreements. Administration of cooperative agreements is controlled by the Corporation's regulations, 45 CFR Part 2541 (for agreements with state and local government agencies) and 45 CFR Part 2543 (for agreements with institutions of higher education and other organizations). Providers must comply with reporting requirements, including quarterly financial reports and quarterly progress reports linking progress on deliverables to expenditures.

#### B. Use of Materials

To ensure that materials generated for training and technical assistance purposes are available to the public and readily accessible to grantees and subgrantees, the Corporation retains royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable licenses to obtain, use, reproduce, publish, or disseminate products, including data produced under the agreement, and to authorize others to do so. The awardee will agree to make available, to the extent practical, products at no cost or at the cost of reproduction to the national service field as identified by the Corporation.

#### C. Time Frame

The Corporation expects that work under agreements awarded through this Notice will commence on or about November 1, 1998, following the conclusion of the Corporation's selection process and the negotiation of a cooperative agreement. The Corporation expects that the period of performance will be one year, with the possibility of extension based on performance, need and availability of funds.

#### D. Other Corporation-sponsored Training and Technical Assistance

In addition to using the provider selected under this Notice, the Corporation currently provides T/TA to national service programs through a network of national providers in conflict resolution, human relations and diversity training, educational success, financial management, supervisory

skills training, training materials development, National Service Resource Center, organizational development and program management, public safety programs, risk management, crew-based programming, member development and management, sustainability, and out-of-school time.

### IV. T/TA Activities

The Corporation expects the provider selected under this Notice to integrate the following requirements into its service delivery:

1. Consistent with the Statement of Work, respond to requests for T/TA from Indian tribes regarding any aspect of a national service program operated by an Indian tribe.

2. Respond to requests for T/TA relating to Native American issues made by any other organization operating a national service program supported by the Corporation.

3. Coordinate continually with Corporation staff concerning programs that are in particular need of T/TA support.

4. Conduct active, targeted outreach to programs identified by the Corporation as needing T/TA services.

5. Work in partnership with programs to help identify/clarify needs and determine the most suitable responses.

6. Prepare and submit for approval by the Corporation specific criteria for the evaluation of their T/TA services. After each T/TA event, to facilitate continuous improvement of these services, the provider will solicit evaluations of its services consistent with the approved evaluation criteria. The provider will maintain records on these evaluations and provide these records to the Corporation or an authorized representative upon request. The provider will also submit to the Director of T/TA a quarterly report which, in part, (1) compares accomplishments with goals; (2) describes the nature and scale of T/TA activity; (3) provides aggregate summaries of the evaluations of each event; (4) recommends agendas based on analyses of T/TA activity and trends; (5) as practicable, relates activity costs to budget line items; (6) identifies developments that hinder compliance with the agreement; and (7) when appropriate, cites or proposes corrective action, and seeks Corporation assistance. The Corporation may conduct independent assessments of the provider's performance.

7. Orient and train staff and consultants in the Corporation's background and objectives.

8. Collaborate in training events organized by other providers for the Corporation.

9. Conduct outreach to national service programs to promote awareness of available T/TA services for programs operated by Indian tribes and for other issues involving Native Americans.

10. Use peer-provided T/TA in situations where this approach is feasible and appropriate. Identify, document and transmit effective practices.

11. Develop training that is interactive, culturally appropriate, experiential and based on the principles of adult learning.

12. Develop training designs that accommodate participants at various levels of existing knowledge and skills.

13. Ensure that assistance is inclusive of, and accessible to, persons with disabilities.

14. Link all T/TA activities to the greatest extent possible to the goal of sustainability in the absence of Corporation financial support.

15. Help organizations improve the quality of their program objectives and desired outcomes.

16. Operate with a focus on capacity-building to help programs develop their internal T/TA capacity, such as by improving their skills in problem identification, problem solving and assessing local T/TA resources. The provider should develop train-the-trainer initiatives for the purpose of increasing capacity at the tribal and local level to deliver T/TA services to national service programs. The provider should support and encourage programs' access to local T/TA resources.

17. Develop and maintain a network of geographically dispersed and tribally-diverse experts that includes staff from Corporation-funded programs.

18. Use electronic communication as much as possible to facilitate the delivery of T/TA services. The Corporation is especially interested in approaches that expedite service delivery, increase communications and are cost-efficient. In all T/TA activities, programs should be encouraged and assisted in using electronic communication and automation.

### V. Statement of Work

The provider should deliver a training program that reflects the diverse and unique needs of the approximately 40 Indian tribes operating national service programs. The provider will broker services of consultants and other national providers, offer direct services whenever they fall within the range of expertise of the provider, and provide

designated support services to Indian tribes that receive grants to operate national service programs.

Specific tasks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Recruit, screen and retain a qualified pool of consultants, primarily Native American, with a diverse array of skills and expertise.

- Orient consultants to the Corporation's mission, philosophy, objectives, and requirements.

- Identify consultants from geographically and tribally diverse backgrounds.

- Conduct targeted outreach as identified by the Corporation.

- Establish partnerships with other national providers.

—Provide training and orientation on Native American issues to providers as requested

—Conduct joint training sessions when appropriate

—Review and evaluate resource materials developed by other national providers to ensure that they are appropriate and useful for Indian tribes operating national service programs

- Respond promptly to T/TA needs in the most appropriate manner:

—Refer need to a consultation/provider

—Provide on-line consultation

—Provide telephone consultation via a toll-free number

—Provide on-site consultation.

- Plan and coordinate an annual "network" training event for approximately 75–100 participants from

Indian tribes operating national service programs.

- Develop and maintain a web page that includes:

—T/TA calendar

—Resource information that supports programs

—Articles

—Agendas and resource materials from training events conducted by the provider and consultant pool

—Service learning information.

- Monitor and post information on the listserv dedicated to Indian tribes operating national service programs.

- Develop and disseminate information on a quarterly basis for and about Indian tribes operating national service programs.

- Develop resource manuals or materials as needed.

- Work with the National Service Resource Center to establish a resource library specifically related to the needs of Indian tribes operating national service programs.

—Identify relevant workshops, conferences, print materials, Internet sites, curricula and videos

—Maintain a catalog of available resources.

- Develop and conduct needs assessments for Indian tribes operating national service programs.

**VI. Application Guidelines**

*A. Proposals Must Include*

A cover page listing: name, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address and World Wide Web site (if

available) of the applicant organization and contact person; a 50–75 word summary of the proposed T/TA program or activity; and the total funding requested (not to exceed \$100,000).

A narrative of no more than 10 double-spaced, single-sided, typed pages in no smaller than 12-point font describing:

(a) Objectives, scope of activities being proposed, and expected outcomes (e.g., proposed number and duration of training events and number of participants; proposed number of consultations).

(b) Detailed work plan for accomplishing the objectives to include a timeline demonstrating implementation of each objective.

(c) Applicant's plan for regularly evaluating its performance and reporting the findings and proposed improvements to the Corporation.

3. A narrative of no more than six double-spaced, single-sided, typed pages in no smaller than 12-point font describing the organization's capacity to provide T/TA services nationwide, including descriptions of recent work similar to that being proposed, references that can be contacted related to that work, organizational structure and staff strengths and backgrounds (resumes of proposed staff may be included in an appendix).

4. A detailed budget summary, including the allocation of person-hours/days by task, an estimate of travel and other direct costs by task as appropriate, using the following format:

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Applicant		
A. Staff .....	.....	List positions in attached Budget Narrative.
Salaries .....	.....	
Benefits .....	.....	
Subtotal A .....	.....	
B. Program Staff Development .....	.....	Include expenses for program directors to attend training events. Costs included in Other should be described in the accompanying budget narrative.
Travel .....	.....	
Per Diem .....	.....	
Other .....	.....	
Subtotal B .....	.....	
C. Consultants .....	.....	Specify the total cost of consultants.
D. Training Events .....	.....	This amount should include the cost of training supplies, facilities, etc.
E. Sub-contracts, sub-grants .....	.....	Specify the total cost of subgrants and subcontracts, if any.
F. Communication .....	.....	This amount should include the total cost of communications systems and equipment. Systems may include newsletters, computer networks and mailings.
Systems .....	.....	
Equipment .....	.....	
Subtotal F .....	.....	
G. Supplies .....	.....	Include only supply costs not associated with Training Events.
H. Other .....	.....	Specify the total of all other costs unrelated to the above categories.

BUDGET SUMMARY—Continued

Applicant		
Total Request (A through H) .....	.....	

Costs in proposed budgets must consist solely of those allowable under reimbursable cost principles found in applicable OMB Circulars. A supporting budget narrative including an explanation of the basis for cost estimates is required. Include any information on funding from other sources if any. (Provider match is not required.)

5. Resumes and/or other descriptions of staff qualifications may be included in an appendix and are not subject to the page limits that are otherwise applicable.

6. Applicants must submit one unbound, original proposal and two copies. Proposals may not be submitted by facsimile.

**B. Selection Process and Criteria**

To ensure fairness to all applicants, the Corporation reserves the right to take remedial action, up to and including disqualification, in the event a proposal fails to comply with the requirements relating to page limits, line spacing, and font size.

The Corporation will assess applications based on the criteria, and respective weights, listed below.

**Quality (35%)**

The Corporation will consider the quality of the proposed activities based on:

(a) Demonstrated understanding of the needs and requirements of national service programs operated by Indian tribes or involving Native Americans, other national service programs, and the role of training assistance in supporting Corporation-funded programs.

(b) Description of proposed T/TA objectives, activities, and expected outcomes.

(c) Degree to which the objectives are addressed through the work plan.

**Organizational and Personnel Capacity (35%)**

The Corporation will consider the organizational capacity of the applicant to deliver the proposed services based on:

(a) Organizational experience in delivering high-quality training and technical assistance, particularly in the area(s) under consideration, and the experience of staff proposed for the project.

(b) Organizational experience in delivering high-quality training and

technical assistance to Indian tribes flexibly, creatively, responsively, and working in partnership with other organizations and individuals.

(c) Background of the organization's leadership and key staff proposed for the project.

(d) Demonstrated ability to manage federal assistance.

(e) Demonstrated ability to provide T/TA services nationwide on a cost-effective basis.

**Evaluation (10%)**

The Corporation will consider how the applicant:

(a) Proposes to assess its services and products delivered under the award.

(b) Plans to use assessments of its services and products to improve subsequent services and products.

**Budget (20%)**

The Corporation will consider the budget based on:

(a) Scope of proposed T/TA activity (i.e., number of persons, programs, and/or Indian tribes proposed T/TA activities are planned to reach);

(b) Cost-effectiveness of the proposed activity; the degree to which the T/TA provider proposes a reasonable estimate of the amount of services the organization will be able to provide given the requested amount of funds and the organization's existing resources.

**Preference of Nation-Wide Capacity**

In addition, the Corporation may select an organization that has demonstrated its ability to provide T/TA on a nation-wide basis over an organization of comparable merit that has not demonstrated this ability.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

**Thomas L. Bryant,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Availability of Funds for Provision of Training and Technical Assistance to Sponsors of AmeriCorps Promise Fellows**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") announces the availability of approximately \$200,000 to support an organization selected under this Notice to provide training and technical assistance to organizations that sponsor AmeriCorps Promise Fellows. The organization selected will—on a national level—develop in the Fellows an identity that derives from participation in a common, national endeavor, design and help implement a training program to provide the Fellows with the skills required to fulfill their mission, and facilitate the exchange of information among Fellows, sponsoring organizations, and others involved in the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows initiative.

**DATES:** All proposals must be submitted by September 30, 1998. The Corporation anticipates making an award under this announcement no later than November 1, 1998. The project period is negotiable, but will end no later than December 31, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals must be submitted to the Corporation at the following address: Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn: Gary Kowalczyk, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact the Corporation for National and Community Service, Dana Rodgers, at (202) 606-5000, ext. 211, or T.D.D. at (202) 565-2799. This notice may be requested in alternative format for visually impaired persons.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**The Corporation for National and Community Service**

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that encourages Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in national and community service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a