

Promise, and sponsors, including design and implementation of a management information system, periodic oral, electronic and written reports and other communications about the status of the Fellowship initiative.

- Identifying issues and challenges requiring action by the Corporation or sponsors.

(4) *Self Evaluation*: The provider will implement a program of continuous improvement, including periodic self-assessments and follow-up to ensure that issues identified in the assessments are addressed. The provider will share these self-assessments with the Corporation.

### Contents of the Proposal

Eligible parties must submit a proposal that contains the following information:

1. 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 brief summary of the proposed program; and the total funding requested (not to exceed \$200,000).

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

- A detailed work plan for accomplishing the tasks described in the
- Training and Technical Assistance portion of this Notice.
- The 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 four double-spaced, single sided, typed pages in no smaller than 12-point font describing the organization's capacity to provide training, technical assistance, and other requested assistance nationwide, including descriptions of recent work similar to that being proposed, references that can be contacted relative to that work, organizational structure and staff members proposed for participation in this program, including their strengths and backgrounds (resumes of proposed staff members may be included as an attachment and are not counted toward the page limits.)

4. A detailed budget, including the allocation of person-hours by task, an estimate of travel and other direct costs by task as appropriate. Costs in the proposed budget must consist solely of costs allowable under applicable OMB Circulars. A supporting budget narrative including an explanation of the basis for cost estimates is required.

### Selection Process and Criteria

The Corporation anticipates supporting a single cooperative agreement under this Notice, with the exact amount depending on the proposal. In making a selection, the Corporation will evaluate applications based on the criteria listed below:

#### (1) Quality (35%)

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

(a) Demonstrated understanding of the needs of the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows initiative and the role of training and technical assistance in supporting the initiative.

(b) Degree to which the work plan demonstrates how the provider will carry out the Training and Technical Assistance activities.

#### (2) 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 areas under consideration.

(b) Organizational experience in delivering high-quality training and technical assistance flexibly, creatively, responsively, and working in partnership with other organizations and individuals.

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

(d) Demonstrated ability to manage a federal grant or apply sound fiscal management principles to grants and cost accounting.

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

#### Evaluation (10%)

The Corporation will consider how the applicant proposes to:

(a) Assess its services and products delivered under the award.

(b) Use the self-assessments to modify and improve subsequent services and performance.

#### Budget (20%)

The Corporation will consider the budget based on:

(a) Scope of the proposed activity (i.e., number of Fellows, sponsors, and host organizations the proposed activities are expected to reach).

(b) Cost-effectiveness of the proposed activity; the degree to which the provider proposes a reasonable estimate

of the amount of services the organization will be able to provide based on the requested amount of funds and the organization's existing resources.

#### Preference for Nation-Wide Capacity

In addition, the Corporation may select an organization that has demonstrated its capacity 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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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed extension of collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received October 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline Five, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call Anne

Giese, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity at (703) 681-1757 Ext 5658.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* TRICARE Senior Prime Enrollment Application Form; OMB No. 0720-0018.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection is a requirement for TRICARE Senior Prime, a joint demonstration project of military managed health care conducted by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Under this demonstration, authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, DoD will offer Medicare-eligible military retirees and their dependents enrollment in a DoD-operated managed health care program. Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will be offered the opportunity to enroll at selected Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) in a managed care program modeled after the existing TRICARE Prime benefit. Medicare will reimburse DoD on a capitated basis for health care services it provides to the enrolled beneficiaries. Dual-eligible beneficiaries seeking enrollment in the program will be required to fill out an enrollment application which will provide information pertaining to eligibility for the program, personal information for identification purposes, and information on other health insurance.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 25,536 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 77,381.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Currently, Medicare-eligible military retirees are not eligible to participate in TRICARE, DoD's triple option health care benefit for military retirees and active duty dependents. Their participation in the Military Health System (MHS) is limited to receiving health care on a space-available basis at MTFs. The TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration project seeks to show that a DoD-operated managed care program can provide health care services to beneficiaries eligible for both military health care and Medicare more effectively and efficiently than under the current DoD-operated system.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Uniform Tender of Rates and/or Charges for Domestic Transportation Services (DoD/USCG Sponsored HHG); MT-HQ Form 43-R; OMB Number 0702-0018.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,268.

*Responses per Respondent:* 4.

*Annual Responses:* 5,402.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,701.

*Needs and Uses:* Department of Defense (DoD) approved household goods carriers file voluntary rates to engage in the movement of DoD and United States Coast Guard sponsored shipments within the continental United States (CONUS). MT-HQ Form 43-R, Uniform Tender of Rates and/or Charges for Domestic Transportation Services, is the carrier's certification that business will be conducted with DoD in accordance with the Tender of Service, solicitations, and other instructions, as published. Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), evaluates the rates and awards traffic to low-rate, responsible carriers, whose rates are responsive and most advantageous to the Government.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number:* Freight Carrier Qualification/Required Documents; MT Forms 377-R, 380-R, and 381-R; OMB Number 0702-0088.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 1,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 8.5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 8,500.

*Needs and Uses:* The information is used in determining capability to perform quality service in transporting Department of Defense (DoD) freight. Freight carriers will furnish the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) information to determine if individuals or associated companies are affiliated with government-debarred carriers and will reflect the carrier's financial stability. The Carrier Qualification Program (CQP) is designed to protect the interest of the Government and to ensure that DoD deals with responsible carriers having the capability to provide quality and dependable service.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

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