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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AmeriCorps is the national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting critical education, public safety, environmental, and other human needs. Each year, the Corporation for National Service provides funds to programs operated by Indian Tribes and organizations representing Alaska Natives to support projects such as tutoring children, restoring streams and parks, building playgrounds and housing, assisting elders, and serving in health clinics.

The America Reads Challenge is a comprehensive, nationwide effort to create in-school, after-school, weekend, and summer tutoring programs in reading. Working to support the efforts of teachers and parents, this Challenge calls on Americans in all fields—schools, libraries, religious organizations, universities, community and national groups, and cultural organizations, as well as college students, business leaders, and senior citizens—to ensure that every child can read independently by the end of the third grade.

For more information about the activities supported by the Corporation for National Service, visit our web site: <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

The Corporation for National Service has scheduled several workshops and conference calls regarding the application process for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes an America Reads Challenge grant. These sessions are designed to convey to participants an understanding of funding opportunities at the Corporation, tips on preparing a successful application for the 1999 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and America Reads Challenge grant competitions, and the framework objectives for an AmeriCorps and an America Reads Challenge program.

Workshop #1

Dates: January 20-21, 1999.

Location: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Two Arizona Center, 400 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor, Phoenix, AZ.

Nearby Hotels:

Phoenix Hilton, 602/212-5306

Ramada Downtown, 602/258-3411

Holiday Inn Express, 602/452-2020

Workshop #2

Dates: February 10-11, 1999.

Location: Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue N.W., Washington, DC.

Nearby Hotels:

Comfort Inn, 202/712-9371

Grand Hyatt, 202/582-1234

Crowne Plaza, 202/682-0111

Conference Calls

Dates: February 16, 1999 February 18, 1999.

Time: 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Thomas L. Bryant,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or

Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

Type of Review: New.

Title: Vocational and Technical Education National Centers.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 15; Burden Hours: 1,350.

Abstract: This form will be used by applicants to apply for funding under the National Centers Program. The information will be used to make cooperative agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.