

an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and to conduct public scoping related to the allocation and distribution of Mitchell Act funds for Columbia River hatchery operations. A 90-day public comment period to seek input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis, including the range of reasonable alternatives and the associated impacts on resources, was open from September 3, 2004, to December 2, 2004.

During the original scoping process, it became clear that the interrelationship between hatchery production funded under the Mitchell Act and other hatchery production in the Columbia River basin would need to be considered. Not all hatchery programs in the Columbia River basin are funded under the Mitchell Act; however, decisions about salmon and steelhead produced with Mitchell Act funds (e.g., the populations chosen for artificial production, the size of those production programs, location) are coordinated and interrelated with decisions about the remainder of natural and artificial production in the Columbia River basin (i.e., non-Mitchell Act-funded production). Because of this interrelationship, NMFS determined that the EIS must assess artificial production throughout the entire basin, regardless of the hatchery funding source, in order to properly assess all environmental effects that occur in the basin related to hatchery production. Consequently, NMFS anticipates using information generated by this EIS to inform its determinations under Endangered Species Act (ESA) sections 4(d), 7, 10(a)(1)(A), and 10(a)(1)(B) for both Mitchell Act and non-Mitchell Act hatchery programs. This EIS will not result in decisions on ESA compliance. Should hatchery managers propose to operate non-Mitchell Act-funded facilities in a manner that is within the scope of the environmental review in this EIS, NMFS' future ESA determinations on those production programs may be informed by the analysis within this EIS. While the expanded scope will analyze non-Mitchell Act-funded programs to inform ESA decisions, the Record of Decision for this EIS will not address decisions on ESA compliance. Further, NMFS believes that conducting a broad review of the environmental effects from all Columbia River basin hatchery programs will provide a comprehensive approach to analyzing cumulative effects within the basin as a result of Mitchell Act funding.

Request for Comments

NMFS solicits written comments from the public. We request that the comments be as specific as possible with regard to our expansion of the scope of the EIS to include informing NMFS' future ESA determinations on non-Mitchell Act programs. All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of NEPA to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Dated: March 6, 2009.

Emily H. Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Emergency Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted an emergency public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps State and National Application and Reporting Instructions for Recovery Act Funding, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps, Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director of Policy, (202) 606–6930, or by e-mail at ABorgstrom@cns.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call (202) 565–2799

between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to (1) Corporation for National and Community Service, AND (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Please send comments to:

(1) Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn: Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director of Policy for AmeriCorps, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

(a) *By fax to:* (202) 606–3476, Attention: Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director of Policy for AmeriCorps; and

(b) Electronically by e-mail to: ABorgstrom@cns.gov. AND,

(2) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

(1) By fax to: (202) 395–6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

(2) Electronically by e-mail to: smar@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments

Description: The purpose of this guidance is to assist current AmeriCorps State and National grantees in accessing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to engage AmeriCorps

members and community volunteers in efforts to stimulate the economy through the expansion of current programming or the addition of a new program component, and to report on their activities.

Additional information can be found in OMB's *Initial Implementing Guidance for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* dated February 18, 2009, and on the *CNCS Recovery Web page* (<http://www.nationalservice.gov/recovery>).

Type of Review: Information collection.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps State and National Recovery Act Funding Application and Reporting Instructions.

OMB Number: New.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, State, Local and Tribal.

Total Respondents: 154 applicants and 250 reports. State commissions will submit subgrantee applications; each subgrantee will report separately.

Frequency: Once for application and quarterly for reports.

Average Time per Response: 8 hours for application and 8 hours for reports.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1232 hours for application and 8000 for reports.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: March 10, 2009.

Lois Nembhard,

Acting Director, AmeriCorps State and National.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Meeting of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 7, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the public should submit their comments one week in advance of the meeting to the meeting Point of Contact.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the offices of the Consortium of Ocean Leadership, 1201 New York Avenue NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Charles L. Vincent, Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street Suite 1425, Arlington, VA 22203-1995, telephone: 703-696-4118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of open meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The meeting will include discussions on coastal hazards, fishery management initiatives, ocean science policy, ocean observations, ocean mapping, education, and other current issues in the ocean science and resource management communities.

Dated: March 6, 2009.

T. M. Cruz,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, as amended, provides for grants and loans to eligible automobile manufacturers and component suppliers for projects that reequip, expand, and establish manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce light-duty vehicles and components for such vehicles, which provide meaningful improvements in fuel economy performance beyond certain specified levels. Section 136 also provides that grants and loans may cover engineering integration costs associated with such projects. The program established by section 136 is referred to as the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program.

This notice announces that DOE has determined to change the previously announced process for submission of applications for a loan under section 136. Henceforth, DOE will consider and evaluate substantially complete applications as and when they are submitted and may make decisions on such applications and close loans with respect to such applications at any time.

DATES: DOE will consider and evaluate substantially complete loan applications as and when they are submitted.

ADDRESSES: Applications for loans under section 136 may be submitted or hand delivered to Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lachlan Seward, Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-8146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, enacted on December 19, 2007, Public Law 110-140, authorizes the Secretary of Energy to make grants and direct loans to eligible applicants for projects that reequip, expand, or establish manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce qualified advanced technology vehicles, or qualifying components and also for engineering integration costs associated with such projects. The program established by section 136 is referred to as the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP).

DOE issued an interim final rule to establish regulations necessary to implement the loan and grant programs authorized by section 136. Additionally, concurrent with the issuance of that interim final rule, the Department announced that it would consider and evaluate substantially complete applications for loans under the ATVMIP as and when they are submitted during a first tranche period, which closed on December 31, 2008. DOE stated that it may make decisions on such applications and close loans with respect to such applications at any time. After December 31, 2008, subsequent tranche periods were established to close on the last day of each calendar year quarter (*i.e.*, March 31, 2009; June 30, 2009, etc.) For applications submitted during those subsequent periods, no final decisions would be made with respect to such applications until after the close of the particular tranche period.

In order to expedite the processing of all applications for loans, DOE has determined to change the previously announced process and henceforth will consider and evaluate substantially complete applications for loans under the ATVMIP as and when they are submitted. Further, DOE may make decisions on such applications and