

**I. Abstract**

Maintenance fees are required to maintain a patent in force under Title 35 of the U.S. Code. Payments of maintenance fees are required at 3½, 7½ and 11½ years after the grant of the patent. The maintenance fee provisions appear in 35 U.S.C. 41(b) and (c). A patent number and serial number of the patent on which maintenance fees are paid are required in order to insure proper crediting of such payments.

There are forms associated with collecting maintenance fees. These forms are Form PTO/SB/45 (Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form), Form PTO/SB/47 ("Fee Address" Indication Form), Form PTO/SB/65 (Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b)), and Form PTO/SB/66 (Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c))). The patentee uses Form PTO/SB/45 for payment of the maintenance fee(s) for

listed patent(s), and PTO/SB/47 to indicate a "fee address." Form PTO/SB/65 is used by the applicant to petition the PTO to accept unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee for an expired patent, and Form PTO/SB/66 to petition the PTO to accept unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for an expired patent. Form PTO/SB/46 (Request for Payor Number) was eliminated in favor of Form PTO/SB/125 (already taken into account in 0651-0035) due to the fact that the "payor number" practice was replaced with a more comprehensive "customer number" practice.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, facsimile, and hand carry when the individual desires to participate in the information collection.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: 0651-0016.

*Form Number(s):* Forms PTO/SB/45, PTO/SB/47, PTO/SB/65, and PTO/SB/66.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, state, local or tribal governments; and the Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 326,101 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* It is estimated to take approximately 48 minutes each to complete the maintenance fee transmittal form and the "fee address" indication form. It is estimated to take 1 hour each to complete the unavoidable and unintentional petitions.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 26,965 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). \$947,135 per year is estimated for salary costs associated with respondents.

Title of form	PTO form No.	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form .....	Form PTO/SB/45	48 mins .....	312,150	10,405
"Fee Address" Indication Form .....	Form PTO/SB/47	48 mins .....	468,210	15,607
Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b)).	Form PTO/SB/65	1 hour .....	31,325	179
Petition to Except Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c)).	Form PTO/SB/66	1 hour .....	135,450	774
Totals .....	.....	.....	947,135	26,965

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of

AmeriCorps Recruitment, Susie Zimmerman, 606-5000, Extension 104. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Mr. Danny Werfel, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC, 20503, (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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 to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose 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.

*Type of Review:* New.  
*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.  
*Title:* AmeriCorps Application for Membership.  
*OMB Number:* None.  
*Agency Number:* None.  
*Affected Public:* Any individual interested in applying to become a member of AmeriCorps\*NCCC, AmeriCorps\*VISTA, or a state and local AmeriCorps program located throughout the United States.

*Total Respondents:* Approximately 60,000. (Approximately 40,000 individuals serve each year in AmeriCorps programs; (collection totals are inexact as the bulk of these completed applications are submitted to local programs and not back to the Corporation for National Service).  
*Frequency:* An applicant need only complete the application once. Applicants may make copies of their completed forms, and submit copies (each, however, with an original signature) to several different AmeriCorps programs for consideration.  
*Average Time Per Response:* 45 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 45,000 hours (if 60,000 individuals complete the form per year).  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.  
*Description:* The Corporation for National Service proposes to utilize a new membership application form entitled "AmeriCorps Application for Membership" which will be used to screen and place applicants into the various AmeriCorps programs, and will replace the previously approved individual applications for the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Applicants will be able to use this single, new application to apply to any of the AmeriCorps programs, thereby eliminating the need for

multiple applications should the individual wish to be considered for multiple programs, either concurrently or consecutively.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

**Thomas L. Bryant,**  
*Acting General Counsel.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552B), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the Advisory Board of the Civilian Community Corps, a program operated by the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation).

**TIME AND DATE:** Friday, April 23, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 and 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** The meeting will be held at Corporation Headquarters, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Introductions.
2. Advisory Board Purpose: Goals & Objectives.
3. AmeriCorps\*NCCC Program Report.
4. AmeriCorps & Legislative Affairs Report.
5. Issues Concerning the Corporation for National Service.
6. Funding Issues.
7. Public Comment.
8. Future Board Meetings.
9. Adjournment.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ms. Merlene Mazyck, 1201 New York Avenue NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20525. Telephone (202) 606-5000, ext. 137 (T.D.D. (202) 565-2799).

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternative formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and who need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Ms. Mazyck.

Dated: April 12, 1999.

**Thomas L. Bryant,**  
*Acting General Counsel.*

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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 and OMB Number:* Commissary Evaluation and Utility Surveys—Generic Clearance, OMB Number 0704—[To Be Determined].

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 50,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 50,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 6 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,000.

*Neds and Uses:* The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) will conduct a variety of surveys to include, but not necessarily limited to customer satisfaction, transaction based comment cards, transaction based telephone interviews, commissary sizing, and patron migration. The information collected will provide customer perceptions, demographics, and will identify agency operations that need quality improvement, provide early detection of process or system problems, and focus attention on areas where customer service and functional training, new construction/ renovations, and changes in existing operations that will improve service delivery..

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer 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: April 7, 1999.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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