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PEACE CORPS
Information Collection Request
Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the Federal Register preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35).

DATES: Submit comments on or before [*INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Denora Miller, FOIA/Privacy Act Officer. Denora Miller can be contacted by telephone at 202-692-1236 or email at pcf@peacecorps.gov. E-mail comments must be made in text and not in attachments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denora Miller at the Peace Corps address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Peace Corps uses the confidential reference form in order to learn from someone, who knows a volunteer applicant and his or her background, whether the applicant possesses the necessary characteristics and skills to serve as a Volunteer.

OMB Control Number: 0420-0006

TITLE: Peace Corps Confidential Reference Form

TYPE OF REVIEW: Revision of a currently approved collection

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Individuals

RESPONDENTS' OBLIGATION TO REPLY: Voluntary.

BURDEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- a. Average Number of Annual Applicants (complete the application process): 20,000
- b. Number of reference required per applicant: 2
- c. Estimated Number of reference forms received: 40,000
- d. Frequency of response: One time
- e. Completion time: 10 minutes
- f. Annual burden hours: 6,667

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION: The Peace Corps Confidential Reference Form provides information concerning an applicant's skills and character from people who are familiar with the applicant. Such information exists nowhere else. The Placement team in the Office of Volunteer Recruitment and Selection uses the Peace Corps Confidential Reference Form as an integral part of the selection process to determine whether an applicant is likely to succeed as a Peace Corps volunteer.

REQUEST FOR COMMENT: Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

This notice issued in Washington, DC on February 25, 2014.

Denora Miller, FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Management

Dated: February 25, 2014.