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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Number:* OMB 0412-0011.

*Form Number:* AID 1010-2.

*Title:* Application for Assistance—American Schools and Hospitals Abroad.

*Type of Submission:* Renewal of Information Collection.

*Purpose:* USAID finances grant assistance to U.S. founders or sponsors who apply for grant assistance from the Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) on behalf of their institutions overseas. ASHA is a competitive grants program. The Office of ASHA is charged with judging which applicants may be eligible for consideration and receive what amounts of funding for what purposes.

To aid in such determination, the Office of ASHA has established guidelines as the basis for deciding upon the eligibility of the applicants and the resolution on annual grant awards. These guidelines are published in the **Federal Register**, 79-36221.

*Annual Reporting Burden:*

*Respondents:* 85.

*Total annual responses:* 85.

*Total annual hours requested:* 900 hours.

Dated: May 7, 2009.

**Sylvia Lankford,**

*Acting Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of Administration

[Docket No. 090326470-9472-01]

### Commerce Alternative Personnel System

**AGENCY:** Office of Administration, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Modifications to the Department of Commerce Alternative Personnel System.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces changes made to the provisions of the Commerce Alternative Personnel System, formerly the Department of Commerce Personnel Management Demonstration Project, published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1997.

Also, this notice adds a new occupational series of 2150, Transportation Operations series to the system, and moves the Consumer Safety 696 occupational series in the (ZP) Scientific and Engineering career path from the Administrative (ZA) career path.

**DATES:** The changes announced in this notice are implemented as of May 14, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Department of Commerce: Sandra Thompson, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Room 5004, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-3725 or Pamela Boyland at (202) 482-1068.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### 1. Background

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved the Department of Commerce (DoC) Demonstration Project (project) and published the final plan in the **Federal Register** Wednesday, December 24, 1997 (62 FR Pages 67434-67463). The project pursued several key objectives of the National Performance Review. The project was designed to simplify current classification systems for greater flexibility in: (1) Classifying work and paying employees; (2) establishing a performance management and rewards system for improving individual and organizational performance; and (3) improving recruiting and examining to attract highly-qualified candidates. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the contribution of human resources management and test whether the same innovations conducted under the National Institute of Standards and Technology alternative personnel system would produce similarly successful results in other DoC environments. The project was implemented on March 29, 1998. The project plan has been modified six times to clarify certain DoC Demonstration Project authorities, and to extend and expand the project (64 FR Pages 52810-52812 (September 30, 1999), 68 FR Pages 47948-47949 (August 12, 2003), 68 FR Pages 54505-54507 (September 17, 2003), 70 FR Pages 38732-38733 (July 5, 2005), 71 FR Pages 25615-25616 (May 1, 2006), and 71 FR Pages 50950-50952 (August 28, 2006)). With the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, on December 26, 2007, the project was made permanent (extended indefinitely) and renamed the Commerce Alternative Personnel System (CAPS).

The CAPS provides for modifications to be made as experience is gained, results are analyzed and conclusions are reached on how the system is working. This notice announces that the DoC modifies CAPS to add a new occupational series 2150, Transportation Operations series to the system, and moves the Consumer Safety 696 occupational series in the (ZP) Scientific and Engineering career path from the Administrative (ZA) career path.

The DoC will follow the CAPS plan as published in the **Federal Register** dated December 24, 1997, and subsequent modifications as listed in the Background Section of this notice.

**Deborah A. Jefferson,**

*Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer and Director for Human Resources Management.*

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### I. Executive Summary

CAPS is designed to (1) improve hiring and allow DoC to compete more effectively for high-quality candidates through direct hiring, selective use of higher entry salaries, and selective use of recruitment incentives; (2) motivate and retain staff through higher pay potential, pay-for-performance, more responsive personnel systems, and selective use of retention incentives; (3) strengthen the manager's role in personnel management through delegation of personnel authorities; and (4) increase the efficiency of personnel systems through the installation of a simpler and more flexible classification system based on pay banding through reduction of guidelines, steps, and paperwork in classification, hiring, and other personnel systems, and through automation.

### II. Basis for CAPS Modification

CAPS is designed to provide managers at the lowest organizational level the authority, control and flexibility to recruit, retain, develop, recognize, and motivate its workforce, while ensuring adequate accountability and oversight.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Marine and Aviation Operations has requested to add the Transportation Operations Series, 2150 to the Administrative (ZA) career path. The series covers duties of which are to administer, supervise, or perform work involving the planning, directing, or operating of rail, motor, air, or water transportation systems and service,

including positions involving responsibility for operation of both transportation service and terminal facilities.

NOAA has requested that the 696 Consumer Safety Series be removed from the Administrative (ZA) career path and placed in the Scientific and Engineering (ZP) career path as the 696 occupational series is a professional and scientific position and has its own OPM Individual Occupational Requirements to be used in conjunction with OPM's Group Coverage Qualification Standards for Professional and Scientific Work. The change of this series to the (ZP) career path will have no impact on the pay, series, or pay band classification of employees in this series. A copy of this approved **Federal Register** notice will be provided to the affected employees prior to making the change effective.

### III. Changes to the Project Plan

The CAPS at DoC, published in **Federal Register** (FR) Volume 62, Number 247, on Wednesday, December 24, 1997 is amended as follows:

1. The following series is added to Table 2  
Administrative (ZA) Career Path, 2150, Transportation Operations Series.
2. The following series is moved from the Administrative (ZA) Career Path and placed in the  
Scientific and Engineering (ZP) Career Path, 696, Consumer Safety Series.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Sunshine Act Notice

The Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service gives notice of the following meeting:

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** The Almas Shriner Center, 1315 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20005. Call in number: (202) 898-1688.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

12:30–1:15 p.m.

I. Chair's Opening Remarks.

II. Consideration of Prior Meeting's Minutes.

III. CEO Report.

IV. *Committee Reports:* Management, Audit and Governance Committee; Program and Evaluation Committee; Strategic Partnerships Committee  
1:15–2:30 p.m.

V. Public Testimony on the Implementation of the Serve America Act.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Anyone who needs an interpreter or other accommodation should notify the Corporation's contact person by 5 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2008.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Emily Samose, Office of the CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service, 10th Floor, Room 9613C, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525. Phone (202) 606-7564. Fax (202) 606-3460. TDD: (202) 606-3472. *E-mail:* [esamose@cns.gov](mailto:esamose@cns.gov).

Dated: May 12, 2009.

**Frank R. Trinity,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.250A.  
*Applications Available:* May 19, 2009.  
*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* July 23, 2009.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of this program is to provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment, including self-employment, telecommuting, or business ownership.

*Priority:* In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), this priority is from section 121(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 741).

*Competitive Preference Priority:* For FY 2009, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 10 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

*This priority is:*

### Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs

In making new awards under this program, we give priority consideration to applications for the continuation of vocational rehabilitation service programs that have been funded under the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities program.

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 741.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, and 97. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 371.

##### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$6,079,350.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$315,000–\$412,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$380,000.

*Maximum Award:* For applicants that are proposing to continue a program that is currently funded under the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities program, the maximum award amount for the first project year is the greater of (a) \$365,000 or (b) an amount equal to 103 percent of the applicant's approved budget for the applicant's FY 2008 grant (an increase of 3 percent). For applicants that are proposing to establish a new program under the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities program, the maximum award amount for the first project year is \$365,000.

In addition, the Secretary may limit any proposed increases in funding for project years two through five to the annual estimated percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPIU).

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 15.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

##### III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* The governing bodies of Indian Tribes (and consortia of those governing bodies) located on Federal and State reservations.

**Note:** *Indian Tribe* is defined in the program regulations at 34 CFR 371.4 as "any Federal or State Indian band, rancheria, pueblo, colony, and community, including any Alaskan native village or regional village corporation (as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act)."