

Supplementary information to the Patent and Trademark Office.

DATES: Submit applications on or before January 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail letters of request to participate in the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs to The Honorable Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David E. Bucher, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Trademark Policy and Projects, at (703) 308-9100, ext. 20.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Committee is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). Its purpose has been, and continues to be, that of advising the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on ways to increase the Office's efficiency and effectiveness and to provide a continuing flow of insights and perceptions from the private sector to the Office in the area of international and domestic trademark law.

The Office amended the charter of the Committee in 1996 to make the Committee more diverse and more representative of trademark owners, trademark practitioners and the Intellectual Property community as a whole. Accordingly, the Commissioner will select five representative organizations from among intellectual property organizations, bar groups, business-related organizations and academia. The five organizations whose members' terms will expire on December 31, 1997, are not precluded from responding to this notice. However, no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Each organization's letter to the Commissioner should explain the nature, size and characteristics of the organization and why this particular group is deserving of membership on this committee.

Selection of the organizations will be based on the following criteria: (1) members' familiarity with the operations of the Patent and Trademark Office relating to trademarks and trademark rules, trademark practices, and the administration of the trademark operations; (2) members' experience practicing before the Patent and Trademark Office in trademark matters; and (3) an indication of the organization's interest in trademark practices by programs such as established committees designed to improve trademark operations, or legal

education activities regarding trademark practices.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads Projects—Nationwide

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter "the Corporation") announces the availability of funds for fiscal year 1998 for new AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program grants focusing on the America Reads initiative in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The program grants are authorized under Title I, Part A of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-113). Project applications will be written to cover a 24-month period although grants will be awarded for a 12-month period with a renewal option. As part of this effort, the Corporation is soliciting applicants which are public or private non-profit organizations, including current AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsors. Approximately 35-40 grants are expected to be awarded in April 1998 with AmeriCorps*VISTA members beginning service prior to the start of the 1998-99 school year.

DATES: Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Application instructions and kits are available from AmeriCorps*VISTA, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20525, (202) 606-5000, ext. 249, TDD (202) 565-2799, or TTY via the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Applications should be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Mailstop 9207, Washington, DC 20525, Attn: Kathleen Dennis. The Corporation will not accept applications that are submitted via facsimile or e-mail transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Kathleen Dennis at (202) 606-5000, Ext. 249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

AmeriCorps*VISTA is authorized under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-113). The statutory mandate of AmeriCorps*VISTA is "to eliminate and alleviate poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States by encouraging and enabling persons from all walks of life, all geographical areas, and all age groups . . . (to) assist in the solution of (such) problems, and . . . to generate the commitment of private sector resources, to encourage volunteer service at the local level, and to strengthen local agencies and organizations to carry out the purpose (of the program)." (42 U.S.C. 4951)

AmeriCorps*VISTA carries out its legislative mandate by assigning individuals 18 years and older, on a full-time, year-long basis, to public and private non-profit organizations whose goals are in accord with AmeriCorps*VISTA's legislative mission. Each AmeriCorps*VISTA project must focus on the mobilization of community resources, the transference of skills to community residents, and the expansion of the capacity of community-based organizations to solve local problems. Programming should encourage permanent, long-term solutions to problems confronting low-income communities rather than short-term approaches for handling emergency needs.

AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsors must actively elicit the support and/or participation of local public and private sector elements in order to enhance the chances of a project's success as well as to make the activities undertaken by AmeriCorps*VISTA members self-sustaining when the Corporation no longer provides resources.

B. Purpose of This Announcement

The goal of the America Reads initiative is to mobilize Americans from all walks of life to ensure that all children can read well and independently by the end of third grade. The America Reads initiative 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 initiative 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 third grade.

AmeriCorps*VISTA's participation in the America Reads initiative will focus primarily on:

1. Initiation and/or expansion of community-based children's literacy programs in areas with a substantial percentage of children from low-income families;
2. Support of after-school, weekend, and in-school reading programs for children being served;
3. Recruitment, training, coordination and management of local volunteer tutors;
4. Mobilization of resources needed to support literacy programs;
5. Involvement of parents in family literacy activities to prepare them to effectively serve as first teachers of their children;
6. Introduction of, and support for, age-appropriate computer technology in areas under served by such technology;
7. Promotion of literacy partnerships among schools, libraries, youth-serving groups, businesses, public and private agencies, and other community organizations; and,
8. Sustainability of activities and programs developed or expanded through AmeriCorps*VISTA's efforts.

C. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for AmeriCorps*VISTA program grants supporting the America Reads initiative must be public or private non-profit organizations. Such entities may include: local, State, regional or national literacy organizations; local and State education agencies, educational institutions, libraries, state or local governments, tribal or territorial governments, or organizations representing tribal populations. Current AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsoring organizations may apply without affecting the status of their existing projects. Priority consideration will be given to: (1) Entities planning or operating city, county, statewide, or multi-state America Reads initiatives; (2) local governments planning or operating area-wide America Reads initiatives; (3) volunteer centers engaged in recruiting trained literacy tutors for the America Reads initiative; and, (4) university service-learning centers coordinating work-study and other college students for the Initiative.

D. Scope of Grant

Each grant budget will support 20 or more AmeriCorps*VISTA members on a full-time basis for one year of service. (Although the project application will reflect two years of activity, grants will be awarded on a twelve-month basis with a renewal option subject to need, satisfactory performance, and the availability of Corporation resources.)

The amount of each grant will include: a monthly subsistence allowance for AmeriCorps*VISTA members which is commensurate with the cost-of-living of the assignment area and covers the cost of food, housing, utilities, and incidental expenses; an end-of-service cash stipend payment, accrued at the rate of \$100 per month, for those members not selecting the AmeriCorps education award; and, relocation expenses for those AmeriCorps*VISTA members who must relocate in order to serve. The grant will also include funds for member in-service training, member supervision, and member/supervisor job-related transportation.

The average Federal cost per AmeriCorps*VISTA service year contained in the grant, i.e., total Federal cost divided by total number of members, will range from approximately \$11,000 to \$13,000 in the continental United States depending upon the location of the assignment(s). (Higher rates apply in Alaska and Hawaii.) Specific budget guidance is available in the project application kit; average allowance costs contained in the instructions should be used to prepare the budget submission.

The following costs will be covered by the Corporation outside of the grant budget: an AmeriCorps education award in the amount of \$4725 for AmeriCorps*VISTA members who complete their year of service, health support for all AmeriCorps*VISTA members; a child care allowance for eligible AmeriCorps*VISTA members; pre-service orientation; and, travel from home of record to training to assignment for all AmeriCorps*VISTA members as well as travel home at the end of service.

Grant applicants should demonstrate their commitment to matching the Federal contribution toward the operation of the AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads program grant by offsetting all, or part of, the costs of member supervision, transportation, and training, as well as the basic costs of the literacy program itself (e.g. books, reading specialists, etc.). This support can be achieved through cash or in-kind contributions.

Publication of this announcement does not obligate the Corporation to award any specific number of grants or to obligate the entire amount of funds available, or any part thereof, for grants under the AmeriCorps*VISTA program.

E. Submission Requirements

To be considered for funding applicants must submit five copies, with original signatures on items 2 and 3, of the following:

(1) A one-page narrative summary description, single-spaced, single-sided in 10–12 point, of the proposed AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads project including the name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the applicant organization as shown on the SF 424. The summary should include the major objectives and expected outcomes of the project. The summary will be used as a project abstract to provide reviewers with an introduction to the substantive parts of the application. Therefore, care should be taken to produce a summary which accurately and concisely reflects the proposal.

(2) Application for Federal Assistance, SF 424, with a detailed narrative budget justification.

(3) AmeriCorps*VISTA Project Application, Form 1421, Parts A and B. All project information must be contained in the space provided on the application form except where additional sheets may be submitted for the Project Work Plan and/or Member Assignment Description(s).

(4) Current resume of potential AmeriCorps*VISTA supervisor(s), if available, or resume of the director of the applicant organization.

(5) List of members of the Board of Directors including their professional affiliations and/or literacy-related activities.

(6) Organizational chart illustrating the location of the AmeriCorps*VISTA project within the overall applicant organization.

Applicants must also submit one copy of the following:

(1) Current Articles of Incorporation.

(2) Proof of non-profit status, or an application for non-profit status and related documentation.

(3) CPA certification of accounting capability.

No additional attachments, such as annual reports or brochures, are to be included. Such attachments will not be read or given to reviewers. All applications and related materials must be complete at the time of submission.

F. General Criteria for AmeriCorps*VISTA Program Grant Selection

The general criteria for AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads program grants are consistent with those established for the selection of all AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsors and projects. All of the following elements must be incorporated in the applicant's submission:

The proposed project must:

1. Address the needs of low-income communities and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.) applicable to AmeriCorps*VISTA and all applicable published regulations, guidelines, and Corporation policies.
2. Lead to building organizational and/or community capacity to continue the efforts of the project once AmeriCorps*VISTA resources are withdrawn. This will be demonstrated through measurable goals and objectives, and the stated tasks of AmeriCorps*VISTA members which should be attainable within the time frame of the project.
3. Be designed to generate public and/or private sector resources, and to promote local, part-time volunteer service at the community level.
4. Describe in measurable terms the anticipated self-sufficiency outcomes at the conclusion of the project, including outcomes related to the sustainability of the project activities.
5. Clearly state how AmeriCorps*VISTA members will be trained, supervised, and supported to ensure the achievement of program goals and objectives as stated in the project work plan.
6. Be internally consistent, i.e., the problem statement which demonstrates need, the project work plan, the AmeriCorps*VISTA member assignment description, and all other components must be related logically to each other.
7. Ensure that AmeriCorps*VISTA and community resources needed to achieve project goals and objectives are available.
8. Have the management and technical capability to implement the project successfully.
9. Describe how the number of AmeriCorps*VISTA members requested is appropriate for the project goals/objectives, and how the skills requested are appropriate for the assignment(s).
10. Describe how AmeriCorps*VISTA assignments are designed to utilize the full-time AmeriCorps*VISTA member's time to the maximum extent.

G. Specific Criteria for AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads Project Selection

The following elements related to the purpose of the America Reads initiative must be incorporated in the applicant's submission:

1. Project applications must contain clear and measurable outcome objectives for a 24-month period that address the overall objectives of the America Reads initiative. Proposed projects must show how the activities of AmeriCorps*VISTA members contribute to specific outcomes related to reading/literacy achievements for children, birth through third grade. Outcome objectives should also address expectations for community volunteers, schools and teachers, parents, and the community at-large. It is expected that outcome objectives will reflect the evolution of the project over the 24-month period.
2. Project activities must provide a direct benefit to children that is valued by the school and/or community-based organization. Activities include the involvement of volunteers from the community in working with individual children, supporting classroom activities, supporting families, and serving as catalysts/organizers of community-level reading initiatives. Activities proposed must be well-designed and able to be successfully implemented, including the use of qualified professionals such as reading specialists in the provision of on-going training and support for the project, and special efforts where appropriate to meet the needs of children whose first language is other than English.
3. Applicant organizations must describe the specific approach that will be used to improve children's reading abilities, and must demonstrate the reliability and effectiveness of this approach.
4. Projects must include activities and mechanisms that provide for the involvement of families, parents, or guardians.
5. Projects must have systems for the evaluation and monitoring of project activities. Applicants must describe the systems that will be used to track progress toward the stated objectives, and the management procedures that will provide the feedback needed to make adjustments and improve program quality. Projects must also be prepared to cooperate with the Corporation for National Service and its evaluation partners in all Corporation monitoring and evaluation efforts.
6. Applicants should indicate how the proposed project complements and/or enhances children's literacy activities

already underway in, or planned for, the community(ies) which will be served by the project. To the extent possible, projects should seek out opportunities to collaborate with other Corporation programs, as well as with other community partners such as literacy groups, youth-serving organizations, senior citizen groups, PTAs, churches, libraries, institutions of higher education, private volunteer organizations, etc.

7. Letters of support must be provided from participating schools and other organizations which will be collaborating in the overall project effort. Letters should reflect knowledge and endorsement of the specific objectives of the project, as well as any commitment of resources to the project if applicable.

H. Application Review

The Corporation for National and Community Service is looking for high-quality programs that are innovative, have potential to be replicated in other areas, and can be sustained with other support when the project period ends.

Proposal Evaluation

To ensure fairness to all applicants, the Corporation reserves the right to take action, up to and including disqualification, in the event that a proposal fails to comply with any requirements specified in this Notice.

1. Project Application/Narrative (70% as described below):

The project application allows the Corporation to assess the capacity of the applicant organization to implement the project and accomplish the purpose of the America Reads initiative. The overall quality of the application will be evaluated as follows:

- a. Responsiveness to General Criteria for AmeriCorps*VISTA Program Grant Selection (30%)
- b. Responsiveness to Specific AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads Criteria (40%)
2. Organizational Capacity and Sustainability (20%)

The applicant organization's capacity to direct, manage, support, provide technical assistance, and assess the project, and enhance sustainability of the project's efforts, must be reflected in the Project Application.

3. Budget (10%)

Applicants must prepare the budget according to information contained in Item D above, and instructions about costs and allowance levels contained in the application kit. A detailed Budget Narrative must identify and justify each line item and cost. The Corporation will assess the cost-effectiveness of the

proposed project and the project's ability to leverage significant resources from private and/or public sources.

I. Geographic Diversity

In addition to evaluating the overall quality of the proposal and its responsiveness to the criteria noted above, the Corporation will also ensure that funded projects are geographically diverse, include projects in both urban and rural areas, and focus on the needs of low-income communities, including those in empowerment zones and enterprise communities.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

Stewart A. Davis,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-187-007]

Arkansas Western Pipeline Company, Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Arkansas Western Pipeline Company (AWP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of December 8, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 7

Original Sheet No. 7A

Second Revised Sheet No. 8

Second Revised Sheet No. 29

AWP states that the filing sets forth the revisions to AWP's tariff sheets that are necessary to comply with Order No. 587-C in Docket No. RM96-1-004.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to this proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-112-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on December 4, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, Post Office Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP98-112-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Gadsden County, Florida to accommodate interruptible natural gas deliveries to Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake). FGT makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

FGT proposes to construct, operate, and own an additional delivery point for Chesapeake at or near mile post 394.7 on FGT's existing 24-inch mainline. FGT states that the subject delivery point will include a tap, minor connecting pipe, electronic flow measurement equipment, and any other related appurtenant facilities necessary for FGT to transport and deliver up to 820 MMBtu per day and 206,158 MMBtu per year of natural gas to Chesapeake. FGT avers that the volumes proposed to be delivered to Chesapeake will be within Chesapeake's existing entitlement. It is stated that the end-use of the gas will be for commercial, industrial and residential uses.

It is stated that Chesapeake will reimburse FGT for the \$60,000 estimated construction cost. FGT further states that Chesapeake will construct, own, and operate the meter and regulation station and any other necessary appurtenant facilities required for receiving the gas from FGT.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to

be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-86-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Section 4 Filing

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), tendered for filing a section 4 filing pertaining to the termination of gathering services associated with the abandonment of South Texas facilities granted in FERC Docket No. CP97-337-001.¹

Koch Gateway proposes no changes to its published tariff therefore no revised tariff sheets are included in this filing. Koch Gateway filed with the Commission a list of gathering customers affected by the abandonment.

Any persons desiring to be heard or to make any protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All such motions or protests should be filed as provided by Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protest will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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¹ Koch Gateway Pipeline Co., 81 FERC ¶61,228 (1997).