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*Description:* The Corporation has been working on and conducting accomplishment surveys for all of its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. In the past, accomplishment data has been collected for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) only once as part of a test study conducted in 1996 for the Corporation by Westat, Inc., an independent evaluation contractor. "Accomplishments" refer to the immediate, measurable outputs, or products of the services provided by the senior volunteers.

### III. Senior Companion Program (SCP) Accomplishment Survey

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Senior Companion Program (SCP) Accomplishment Survey.

*OMB Number:* None.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Public and private non-profit institutions served by FGP volunteers.

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*Description:* The Corporation has been working on and conducting accomplishment surveys for all of its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. To date, accomplishment data has not been collected for the SCP. Therefore, the Corporation seeks an accomplishment survey for the SCP. "Accomplishments" refer to the immediate, measurable outputs, or products of the services provided by the senior volunteers.

### IV. Background

The Corporation published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 1832, dated January 12, 1998), for the 60-day public comment period. In response to the 60-day public comment period on

its proposed National Senior Service Corps Activities, Inputs and Accomplishments Surveys, 323 written comments were received broken down as follows: 37 on the SCP Survey, 77 on the FGP Survey, and 209 on the RSVP Survey. Approximately half of the project directors felt that the survey would be burdensome to a station supervisor. Thirty-eight percent of project directors suggested that Project Directors were better suited to fill out the survey because of station supervisors workload, lack of information, and potential damage to the project director/station supervisor relationship.

With respect to administration, almost all of the Foster Grandparent project directors stated that summer administration was not advised, as schools are closed over the summer. A tailored survey approach was suggested by a quarter of RSVP project directors because the survey was too long. One-fifth of the Senior Companions project directors and one-third of the Foster Grandparent project directors commented that their stations do not participate in professional activities. Lastly, approximately one-third of all project directors supplied specific wording, graphics or formatting suggestions. Based on the comments received, the Survey instruments, administration process and time line were revised. Changes can be summarized as follows:

- Administration of the Project Profile and Volunteer Activity (PPVA) data collection will be suspended for 1998 (and will resume in 1999) to reduce overall administrative burden as projects modify existing input-based data collection systems to include more outcome-oriented information on accomplishments.
- The Surveys will now be mailed to Project Directors instead of directly to Station Supervisors. Project Directors will work with stations selected for the samples in reporting the data.
- The deadline for submission of completed surveys will be delayed to September 30, 1998, to avoid potential reporting difficulties for stations such as schools which experience summer down-time.
- The RSVP Survey will be customized for each selected station to include only those BHN (Basic Human Needs) service codes specific to that station's operations.
- BHN service code definitions, which were designed to accommodate the broadest range of service activities in Senior Corps programs, were customized for the FGP and SCP

Surveys to provide specific examples more applicable to these programs.

- Refinements were made in wording, format, and instructions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses announces public information collections and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 901, Falls Church, VA 22041, ATTN: Mr. Bob Menig.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection please write to the above address, or call the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses at (703) 578-8500.

*Title and OMB Number:* Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses—Generic Clearance; OMB Number 0704-[To be determined.]

*Needs and Uses:* The information collections addressed by this notice are

necessary to facilitate the investigations of the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses into the experiences of Gulf War veterans during the war that may be related to the illnesses experienced by some Gulf War veterans. The information collected will be used to determine which Gulf War veterans may have further information about potential exposure incidents, to discover if there are any other observed incidents of exposure, to contribute to a better understanding of the events during and after the Gulf War, and to encourage veterans to enroll in a Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs medical program.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,572.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,143.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 Minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Information on Each Collection Covered by This Notice**

##### *Chemical/Biological Incident Survey*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans whose units were in the vicinity of a positive chemical/biological detection, alarm, or other reported incident. The purpose of this survey is to develop investigational leads to assist investigators in their search for confirmation of the presence or use of chemical or biological agents during the Gulf War.

##### *Possible Weapons Sites*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans who served in units that reported possible storage sites for chemical or biological weapons agents. The purpose of this survey is to develop possible investigational leads that may assist investigators in their search for confirmation of the presence or use of chemical or biological agents during the Gulf War.

##### *Depleted Uranium*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans who served in units that may have placed them in contact with equipment potentially contaminated with depleted uranium (DU). Veterans will include personnel who were in or on U.S. combat vehicles at the time they were struck by DU munitions fired from U.S. tanks and personnel who were in contact with equipment either as a member of unit involved in retrograde operations, or as a member of a battle damage assessment team.

##### *Pesticide Exposure Survey*

Respondent are Gulf War veterans. Outreach letters will be mailed to Gulf War veterans based on their unit assignment during the Gulf War and their period of deployment. Calls will be made to respondents to ask information on experiences with pesticides during the Gulf War deployment.

##### *Pesticides Use/Application*

Gulf War veterans who served as physicians, environmental science officer, entomologists, preventive medicine specialists, field sanitation teams members, and veterans who served in logistics and supply positions will be contacted to determine which pesticides were used (including those purchased locally) and how they were employed in the Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

##### *Water Contamination*

Respondents will be preventive medicine specialists, field sanitation specialists, and transportation personnel involved with the maintenance of water transport vehicles who served in the Gulf War.

##### *Food Contamination*

Respondent will be preventive medicine specialists, field sanitation specialists, and food service personnel to determine what steps were taken to ensure the safety of the food provided to Gulf War troops.

##### *Oil Well Fires*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans who reported contact with oil well fires in calls to the DoD Incident Reporting Line. Veterans will be contacted to get first hand accounts of their experience with oil well fire smoke, precautions they took, and the duration of their exposure under the oil well fire plume.

##### *Retrograde Equipment*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans involved in vehicle cleaning operations prior to vehicles being shipped from the Gulf and personnel who accompanied vehicles during their retrograde shipment.

##### *Armed Services Medical Department Personnel*

Respondents will be medical personnel who served in the Gulf War. These personnel will be contacted to complete a survey of their experiences with medical surveillance, vaccine administration, and medical recordkeeping during the Gulf War deployment.

##### *Combat Stress Control*

Respondents will be military chaplains who served in the Gulf War. These chaplains will be surveyed to understand their experiences as participants in combat stress control.

##### *Enemy Prisoners of War*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans who served in military police or medical units that were involved in the processing and treatment of enemy prisoners of war during the Gulf War deployment.

##### *Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans who served in units during the Gulf War deployment that were involved in the acquisition, distribution, and use of petroleum, oils, and lubricants.

##### *Personnel Deployed on Designated Deployments*

Respondents will be former members of the Armed Services (including active and reserve component) who served during designated deployments. Personnel will be surveyed about their perceptions and experiences with Medical Force Protection, Medical Surveillance, and health support during the designated deployment.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Air Force**

#### **Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License**

Pursuant to the provisions of Part 404 of Title 37, code of Federal Regulations, which implements Public Law 96-517, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant Beam Tech Corporation (hereafter Beam Tech), a Texas Corporation, an exclusive license under: United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/933,561 filed in the names of Jill E. Parker, John L. Alls, and Johnathan L. Kiel on September 19, 1997 for a "Diazodenitrification in Manufacture of Recombinant Bacterial Biosensors."

The license described above will be granted unless an objection thereto, together with a request for an opportunity to be heard, if desired, is received in writing by the addressee set forth below within sixty (60) days from