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TO: AmeriCorps National Direct Programs with Proposed New York State Sites

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The New York State Commission on National & Community Service is thrilled you are considering our state as an operating site for your National Direct Program and welcomes you!

As you are all aware, a working group comprised of grantees from both AmeriCorps State and National has developed a consultation form template for national multi-state programs to share with the state commission where they propose to operate. The requirement for National, multi-state AmeriCorps programs and applicants to consult with the State Service Commissions in the state where they propose to conduct AmeriCorps projects is a new requirement contained in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

Included with this memo you will find the consultation form template developed by your peers. Given the diversity in the number of National Direct AmeriCorps programs operating within a state, each State Commission will interpret the level of consultation differently.

The New York Commission feels that this process is a valuable opportunity to (1) fully understand the full portfolio of national service programs operating in our state, (2) help to promote awareness of and participation in all national service programs, and (3) leverage resources, experiences, and cross-stream training opportunities to benefit our programs and our national service members.

The New York State Commission envisions this template will foster meaningful conversations that lead to creating working partnerships that further national service in communities throughout New York. We also believe these relationships can be developed and maintained without imposing an excessive process on potential grantees.

To begin the process, please complete the consultation form template and submit it to the State Commission office via email at newyorkersvolunteer@newyorkersvolunteer.ny.gov or fax at (518) 402-3817. We will confirm receipt of your completed template and may contact your organization for additional information and schedule a more formal conversation.. At this time, we are not requiring all potential National Direct programs to have an in-person meeting with our State Commission. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this process further, please contact our office at (518) 473-8882.

Welcome to New York State and we look forward to partnering with you!

