**LABOR ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Definitions**

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**Instructions**

Carefully consider the three options on the Labor Organization Form and check all the boxes that apply to your program. An applicant must check at least one box. The form must be signed by an authorized legal applicant representative.

Check Option 1 if program applicant:

* 1. will serve as a placement site for AmeriCorps members; and
  2. Has employees engaged in the same or substantially similar work as that proposed to be carried out by AmeriCorps members; and
  3. Those employees are represented by a local labor organization.

If you check option 1, you must also include the written concurrence of the local labor organization representing those employees engaged in the same or substantially similar work as that proposed to be carried out by AmeriCorps members. Written concurrence can be in the form of a letter or e-mail from the local union leadership.

Check Option 2 if program applicant:

Proposes to place AmeriCorps members at sites (outside of legal applicant organization) where they will be engaged in the same or substantially similar work as employees represented by a local labor organization.

If you check option 2, you must submit a written description of how the legal applicant will ensure that:

a) AmeriCorps members won’t be placed in positions that were recently occupied by paid staff.

b) No AmeriCorps member will be placed into a position for which a recently resigned or discharged employee has recall rights as a result of a collective bargaining agreement, from which a recently resigned or discharged employee was removed as a result of a reduction in force, or from which a recently resigned/discharged employee is on leave or strike.

In the very rare event that neither Option 1 nor 2 applies to you, please select Option 3. In almost all circumstances where Option 3 is an appropriate option the legal applicant has verified that there are no labor organizations representing employees of the Program Applicant and/or Service Sponsors.

If you select Option 3, you must submit a written justification of how you determine this option applies to you as part of your application.

**IMPORTANT:** Supporting documentation is required for all options selected. Failure to include required supporting documentation as part of the application may result in points lost from the review process.

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**Legal Applicant Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Program Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**[1]** **Labor Organization Concurrence Required and Obtained.** The program applicant is serving as the service sponsor, and has obtained the written concurrence of any local labor organization representing employees of the service sponsor who are engaged in the same or substantially similar work as that proposed to be carried out. **Concurrence(s) are submitted with this certification.** (42 U.S.C. § 12582(f)(1).)

**[2]** **Labor Organization Consultation Required.** Prior to the placement of participants, program applicant has consulted with the appropriate local labor organizations, if any, representing employees in the area who are engaged in the same or similar work as that proposed to be carried out by such program to ensure compliance with the federal nondisplacement requirements, as set forth at 42 U.S.C. section 12637. (42 U.S.C. § 12583(c)(2).) Documentation showing such consultation is kept on file with program applicant and is available for review upon request.

Written description must be submitted with this certification describing how the applicant will ensure that:

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2. No AmeriCorps member will be placed into a position for which a recently resigned or discharged employee has recall rights as a result of a collective bargaining agreement, from which a recently resigned or discharged employee was removed as a result of a reduction in force, or from which a recently resigned/discharged employee is on leave or strike.

**[3]** **Neither** **Labor Organization Concurrence Nor Labor Organization Consultation Required.** The program applicant is not required to obtain labor organization concurrence, because there are no local labor organizations representing employees of the service sponsor who are engaged in the same or substantially similar work as that proposed to be carried out *and* the program applicant is also not required to consult with labor organizations, because there are no appropriate local labor organizations representing employees in the area who are engaged in the same or similar work as that proposed to be carried out by the program applicant.

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