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PART 1217—VISTA VOLUNTEER LEADER

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§ 1217.1 Introduction.

Section 105(a)(1), Part A, of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-113, 87 Stat. 398, authorizes the Director of ACTION to pay VISTA volunteers a stipend not to exceed \$50 per month and a stipend not to exceed \$75 a month in the case of VISTA volunteers who have served for at least a year and have been designated volunteer leaders. Section 105(a)(1) further provides that the selection of volunteer leaders shall be pursuant to standards, established in regulations which the Director shall prescribe, which shall be based upon the experience and special skills and the demonstrated leadership of such persons among volunteers.

§ 1217.2 Establishment of position.

A request for the proposed establishment of VISTA volunteer leader position for a specific project shall be submitted by a sponsor in writing in advance to the appropriate ACTION Regional Director. Specific tasks, responsibilities, qualifications, and the proposed supervisory structure are to be detailed in the request.

§ 1217.3 Qualifications.

A volunteer recommended for a VISTA volunteer leader position must have:

- (a) Completed a one-year term as a VISTA volunteer.
- (b) Demonstrated ability to work constructively and communicate with

volunteers, supervisor/sponsor, and the target population.

(c) Demonstrated ability to work well with and gain acceptance of other volunteers.

(d) Demonstrated ability to provide self-motivation and self-direction, and maturity to accept supervision and direction from supervisor/sponsor.

(e) Sensitivity to the needs and attitudes of others, and exhibit a sincere commitment to the mission of VISTA.

§ 1217.4 Selection procedure.

(a) *Nomination.* Candidates may be nominated in writing to the Regional Director by the Program Officer or the State Program Director in whose area the volunteer serves. The nomination shall include a copy of the completed ACTION Form V-95a, for the Regional Director's review.

(b) *Selection.* VISTA volunteer leaders will be selected by the Regional Director (or his designee). The criteria for selection shall include:

(1) The recommendation of the volunteer by the State Program Director or Program Officer.

(2) An overall rating by the supervisor/sponsor of above average on the ACTION Form V-95a.

(3) A description of specific tasks, responsibilities, qualifications, and the proposed supervisory structure, which justifies the establishment of the VISTA volunteer leader position. A selection decision is final.

(c) *Reenrollment.* VISTA volunteer leaders may be reenrolled in accordance with the VISTA reenrollment and extension policy.

§ 1217.5 Allowances and benefits.

The VISTA volunteer leader shall be entitled to all allowances and benefits of a VISTA volunteer at the level which is consistent with the level for all volunteers on his/her project, except that:

(a) The stipend will be increased from \$50 to \$75 per month effective on the date of selection of the VISTA volunteer leader.

(b) Support for on-the-job transportation may be increased, consistent with ACTION policy.