Seeking a group of dynamic individuals to participate in . . .

2010-2011 MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA Program



~PEER REVIEW~



Friday, April 30, 2010

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley

Boston, MA

Massachusetts Campus Compact (MACC) is a statewide organization of college and university presidents leading 70 Massachusetts institutions of higher education in a collaborative effort to promote service. MACC believes that through sustained and creative student, faculty, and institutional involvement in civic engagement, higher education can realize its most lofty goals: to educate all kinds of citizens; to prepare tomorrow's leaders for the world at hand; and to contribute to the growth, well-being, and unity of America's communities.

AmeriCorps*VISTA is a full-time national service program. VISTA members develop lasting solutions to the problems of poverty in America and serve in nonprofit organizations and agencies to develop and expand services, to strengthen programs, and to empower low-income individuals.

The Massachusetts Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA program helps colleges and universities develop and improve sustainable, mutually beneficial college-to-community partnerships. Through their unique campus-based placements, the 25 MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA members serve as community organizers and engagement coordinators, connecting community-based organizations with campus resources, including student volunteer groups, service-learning projects, and Federal Work Study programs.

Peer Reviewers:

- Assist MACC with its annual grant-giving process by providing valuable feedback on proposals from member institutions requesting AmeriCorps*VISTA members.
- Network with a group of service-oriented people from diverse civic backgrounds, including those
 from higher education, community based organizations, national service programs, service groups,
 and volunteer organizations.
- Learn about innovative models of civic engagement being proposed by colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth.
- Have a major impact on community service efforts throughout the state in the year to come.

Details:

- Friday, April 30, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- Each participant receives 6-8 proposals to review about 2 weeks prior to the grant review session.
- Breakfast and lunch are provided.
- The United Way is easily accessible by the MBTA subway and commuter rail lines.

There is no parking at the United Way, but there are pay lots and garages throughout the city. MACC does not reimburse for travel expenses, but these should be minimal.

To sign up, or to request more information, please email jeremypoehnert@gmail.com