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2012-2013

Commission Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Commissioners = 20 • Number of FT Staff = 5 • Number of PT Staff = .25 Temp (through end of 2012) • Staff FTEs = 5.25
Commission Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee • AmeriCorps & National Service Committee • Community Volunteering Committee • Sustainable Infrastructure Committee • Nominating Committee (for officers every two years) • Awards Judging Committee
Frequency of Full Commission Meetings	Quarterly – 4x per year
Commission Meeting dates for 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 26, 2012 • April 26 2012 • July 26, 2012 • October 25, 2012 (Strategic Planning)
Where is the Commission Housed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ServeNebraska is a separate state agency located in the State Capitol building with a formal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for in-kind support services; commissioners appointed by the Governor under authority of Executive Order 94-5.
Cabinet Level Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
501(c) 3 Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Commission is a stand alone 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have a companion 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Special Commission Initiatives, Programs, and/or Focus Areas	<p>New 2011-2015 Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiative: build statewide Volunteer Network of contacts in each county (93 counties) • Initiative: develop a new Nebraska Day of Service • Initiative: help AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs upgrade website accessibility. • Initiative: redesign online resource library & launch on new website: <i>Let's Build Nebraska – Resources to Build Great Nonprofits</i> • Initiative: partner with existing statewide conferences (offer volunteer management track) • Focus: retooled training program to have three signature AmeriCorps training events (Staff Launch, Kick-off and Symposium)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: special AmeriCorps program emphasis on developing Veterans Corps • Focus: Sustainable Funding to Meet Admin Match – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide aggressive support & leadership to assist Nebraska Volunteer Foundation committee members in raising new money to support commission; b) seek out and develop solid interagency partnerships to bring mission-related programs with new funding into commission • Focus: Collaborative initiatives with Senior Corps and VISTA leaders
Other State Initiatives for Service and Volunteerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Points of Light and First Lady's Community Service Awards • Youth Service Day • InterCorps Council promotion of 2-3 key Days of Service • Emphasis and preference to developing new programs in rural Nebraska (outside of Lincoln and Omaha metro/urban areas)
How Commissioners are Used to Support the Work of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Strategic direction/policy • AmeriCorps programming/subgrantee funding • Outreach to public and elected officials • Commissioner development • Resource acquisition (fundraising and in-kind) • Professional skills (i.e., Law, Media Development) • Executive director evaluation • Financial oversight • Sustainable infrastructure/capacity • Community volunteering expansion • Facilitate collaborative partnerships • Vision/planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a. 5-Yr Strategic Plan ○ b. State Service Plan
AmeriCorps Programs Expected for <u>FY13</u>	<p>Number of Programs = 13 Total AmeriCorps Funding = \$1,726,837 (without supplemental)</p> <p>Total Formula Dollars = \$1,184,046 Supplemental Request Pending = \$292,827 Number of Formula Programs = 11</p> <p>Total Competitive Dollars = \$542,791 Number of Competitive Programs = 2</p> <p>Total EAP Dollars = 0 Number of EAP Programs = 0</p>
AmeriCorps State Members	<p>Number of Members = 303 Total Number of MSYs = 128.43</p>
Learn and Serve America Administration	<p><u> </u> Yes <u> X </u> No</p>
Total Commission Funding – FY12	

<p style="text-align: center;">Administrative Grant PDAT Disability State Funding</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other: DHHS In-Kind Match Support Global Youth Service Day</p>	<p>\$200,000 \$38,466 \$43,622 \$30,000 (\$10,000 annually applied to participate in the state CAP [cost allocation plan] to receive in-kind match support from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)) \$100,000 +/- \$2,000 private grant Private sources</p>
Percent of Program Budget Retained by Commission and Purpose	N/A
Grant Application Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct-Dec annually (competitive) • Feb-May annually (formula) • Rigorous review selects 2-3 applications submitted for competitive funding. • Remaining applicants & those not selected for competitive can compete in formula pool.
URL for Commission Grant Guidelines and Process	http://serve.nebraska.gov/americorps/americorps.htm
Member Training Schedule (URL or list key dates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off/Swearing-In is early to mid-October annually • Symposium (end-of-year celebration) is late May
InterCorps Council or LeaderCorps Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other Key AmeriCorps Event Dates (URL or list key dates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Launch (orientation) is mid-August annually • AmeriCorps Program Leaders meetings monthly from November – May or June • InterCorps Council team meeting via phone 2x per month from October - May
Major Commission Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual First Lady's Community Awards Luncheon • Quarterly Governor's Points of Light Ceremony • Annual Global Youth Service Day • All three signature training events (member & staff) • Open Disability Mini-Grants (throughout the year)
Expertise to Offer for State/National Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal program monitoring including pre-program year preparation and desk audits • Financial grants management (Certified Grants Management Specialist; all areas - federal grants) • Rural Outreach - extending service to rural & frontier communities; small AmeriCorps programs • Technical Assistance Tips - supporting small AmeriCorps programs with 3 members • Engaging small community-based groups in service • Instilling an inclusive environment as the norm • Cultivating creative/innovative partnerships
Desired Areas for Growth (geographic, focus, activities, etc.)	See section on "special commission initiatives, programs, and/or focus areas" above.
Contact Info for all Commission Information	

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