

How Individuals Participate

American professionals can seek international volunteer service opportunities through the search engine at the Volunteers for Prosperity website: www.volunteersforprosperity.gov. Professionals whose skills are especially needed include: physicians, nurses, engineers, teachers, information technology professionals, and executives in business and finance.

Organizations relying on skilled American volunteers are more competitive for federal grants.

Recognition



Volunteers who provide 100 or more hours of service may qualify for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Organizations and businesses participating in Volunteers for Prosperity can become certifying organizations and certify volunteers to receive this award. Visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov for more details.



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The Volunteers for Prosperity initiative is an interagency effort of USA Freedom Corps, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

For More Information

Please visit www.volunteersforprosperity.gov.

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Volunteers for Prosperity

Like generations before us, this generation of citizens will show the world the energy and idealism of the United States of America.

President George W. Bush, May 21, 2003

USA
Freedom Corps
Make a Difference. Volunteer.

OUR MISSION

Volunteers for Prosperity promotes the energy and idealism of the United States through support of international voluntary service by highly skilled American professionals to meet the global health and prosperity goals of the U.S. Government.

International Volunteering: An American Tradition

Voluntary service is a source of national and international strength. The confluence of efforts of individual American volunteers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government is a distinctly American contribution to world stability and development.

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Supporting America's Global Health and Prosperity Agenda

President Bush's Executive Order 13317, issued in September 2003, directs Volunteers for Prosperity to focus support on six programs offering a wide range of opportunities to promote world health and economic growth:

- ★ Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
- ★ Trade for African Development and Enterprise Initiative
- ★ Water for the Poor Initiative
- ★ Digital Freedom Initiative
- ★ Middle East Partnership Initiative
- ★ Millennium Challenge Corporation



Wide Community Outreach

A range of organizations—many with no previous involvement in official foreign assistance—are joining to help American professionals answer President Bush's call to service. These organizations range from small faith-based and community groups to trade associations and corporations.



Benefits of Joining the Effort

Businesses and nonprofit organizations alike are welcome to participate in Volunteers for Prosperity. Benefits include promotion on the Volunteers for Prosperity website and assistance recruiting volunteers. Executive Order 13317, authorizing Volunteers for

Prosperity, makes grant applicants who rely on skilled American volunteers more competitive for federal funds.

How Organizations Participate

Nonprofit organizations participate in Volunteers for Prosperity by directly placing and managing skilled volunteers in overseas assignments. Nonprofits can also mobilize volunteers to serve under the direction of other organizations. Corporations and other businesses participate in Volunteers for Prosperity by encouraging employees to serve as international volunteers.

Requirements for Participation by Organizations

Organizations meeting the following criteria may become participants in Volunteers for Prosperity:

- ★ The organization must be organized under the laws of and be headquartered in the United States, Puerto Rico, or any other territory of the United States.
- ★ The organization must conduct, or anticipate conducting, overseas activities consistent with the general purposes of the federally supported initiatives upon which the Volunteers for Prosperity initiative is focused.
- ★ The organization must presently sponsor, or indicate a willingness to sponsor, highly skilled U.S. professionals to volunteer on the U.S. development initiatives listed above.

For further information, please visit www.volunteersforprosperity.gov.

The President's Call to Service

In his 2002 State of the Union speech, President Bush asked Americans to dedicate up to two years or 4,000 hours over the course of their lives to volunteer service. He also announced creation of USA Freedom Corps, a White House office to coordinate federally supported volunteer programs, including domestic efforts such as AmeriCorps and international efforts such as Peace Corps. In 2003, the President launched the newest program for international voluntary service, Volunteers for Prosperity.



Flexible Time Commitments



Volunteers for Prosperity is an international service opportunity for American professionals. The program complements the Peace Corps, which requires a longer term commitment of two full years overseas. Service through Volunteers for Prosperity is more flexible, ranging from a week to months or even years. Volunteers work under the direction of private voluntary organizations in activities that support the U.S. government's agenda for global health and prosperity.



Jeni Hoekstra

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Jeni Hoekstra of Grand Rapids, Michigan, offers computer training in Kenya. Jeni and her husband, Denny, take part in Volunteers for Prosperity through the participating organization Partners for Christian Development. The Hoekstras have earned the President's Volunteer Service Award by giving thousands of hours of service in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.