

## The Commonwealth Corps is launched!

Massachusetts Campus Compact (MACC) would like to introduce you to the Commonwealth Corps program, a program recently launched by the Governor's office in conjunction with the Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA).

The mission of the Commonwealth Corps is to engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in direct service to rebuild communities and address unmet community needs. The Corps will provide opportunities for skill building and leadership development and will encourage and enhance a lifelong civic vocation for Corps members. Corps members will provide direct service, build capacity, and recruit, organize and mobilize additional volunteers, thus building a grassroots movement of volunteers dedicated to service. Furthermore, Corps individuals can serve up to 12 months as full-time and part-time members with varying stipends.

Nonprofit organizations interested must apply to become Corps sponsors and host a team of 3 to 15 Corps members. The request for proposal (RFP), which provides organizations with general information, and information regarding organizational requirements, funds, submission and selection procedures, as well as application instructions, is available at:

[Request for Proposal](#)

and **must be completed by June 27, 2008.**

In addition, The Governor's office and MSA are hosting six non-mandatory RFP technical assistance sessions to provide detailed information to interested organizations on the Commonwealth Corps and to answer questions about the application process. **A detailed list of times and locations of these sessions is available at:**

[Session Times and Locations](#)

**Pre-registration for one of these sessions is required at least two days prior to the session by phone, fax or email.**

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If none of the sessions can be attended, individualized phone technical assistance can be arranged by calling one of the following Program Officers:

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Thank you for taking the time to join us in the excitement of the launch of a great a wonderful new opportunity for nonprofits in Massachusetts. We encourage you to spread the word about Commonwealth Corps by forwarding this email to any potential members.

Additional information on the program may be found at [www.mass.gov/CommonwealthCorps](http://www.mass.gov/CommonwealthCorps).