

Hurricane Katrina will require a massive volunteer response, perhaps the largest in our nation's history. There will be a need for volunteers in the affected states as well as the cities where evacuees are being relocated. There will be short term and long-term volunteer needs in sheltering, mass care, and victim assistance and rebuilding needs.

To assist you in reaching potential AmeriCorps applicants with a specific interest in serving in Hurricane Katrina related opportunities, we have modified the online AmeriCorps Recruitment and Placement System to include **Hurricane Katrina** to the list of Service Area selections. If your AmeriCorps members will address issues related to Hurricane Katrina during their term of service, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- Enter a separate program listing or adjust your current listing on the recruitment website, selecting **Hurricane Katrina** as your Service Area.
- Include specific Hurricane Katrina related activities in your two-line program description.
- Consider using Hurricane Katrina as one of your key words so that potential applicants may find your program with a keyword search.

To access the online AmeriCorps Recruitment and Placement System please go directly to <https://recruit.cns.gov/>. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the system administrator at admin@americorps.org.

One of the most important roles AmeriCorps members will play in this disaster is recruiting and managing community volunteers. The USA Freedom Corps volunteer search engine, like our system, is being upgraded so that you can post specific Hurricane Katrina opportunities. Please post additional Katrina-related volunteer opportunities with one of the USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network partners by visiting www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

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