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UNO FOCUS:

NSF EPSCoR has just released the new RII Track-2 FEC solicitation, NSF 18-589. A link to the pdf is included below. The topic for this FEC solicitation is Harnessing the Data Revolution.

Letter of Intent Due Date(s) (required) (due by 5 p.m. submitter's local time): November 26, 2018

Full Proposal Deadline(s) (due by 5 p.m. submitter's local time): January 25, 2019

Solicitation: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18589/nsf18589.pdf

HDR information from NSF is here: https://www.nsf.gov/cise/harnessingdata/

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Notice of Meeting; Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development to discuss the new Feed the Future Learning Agenda which builds on the first Feed the Future Learning Agenda launched in 2012.

The meeting will be held on September 12, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC. LINKS:

Federal Register, Agency Site

Building and Improving Laboratory Capacity and Quality in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Global Health

Notice seeking applications to support efforts building laboratory capacity and improving the provision of HIV testing activities in all PEPFAR supported health zones in the DRC. The activities include scaling up of HIV viral load and Infant Virologic Testing /Early Infant Diagnostic testing and monitoring and strengthening HIV/AIDS diagnostics capacity and quality management system. Applicants should demonstrate working knowledge of PEPFAR regulations, ability to work in DRC context, and maintain a presence in-country to meet the needs described in this funding opportunity.

Applications are due October 22, 2018. Approximately \$1.5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

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National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to expand the role of the humanities in undergraduate education at two- and four-year institutions through innovative curricular approaches that foster productive partnerships among humanities faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences and in preservice or professional programs (such as business, engineering, health sciences, law, computer science, and other technology-driven fields), in order to encourage and develop new integrative learning opportunities for students. Funds support both Planning and Implementation grants.

Applications are due October 17, 2018. Approximately \$35,000 per award is available to support multiple Planning awards. Approximately \$100,000 per award is available to support multiple Implementation awards.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Request for Mexican Implementing Partner Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Mexico

Notice supporting applications for projects that support academic mobility between the U.S. and Mexico; the development of civil society; the empowerment of youth in realizing their potential through education, innovation, workforce development, and entrepreneurship; the democratic ideals of freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and intellectual freedom; teaching of the English language; empowerment and security of women and girls; and in general promoting greater exchange between Mexico and the United States.

Applications are due September 4, 2018. Approximately \$80,000 is available to support up to ten awards.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

U.S Speaker Series: Transatlantic Voices: U.S. Commitment to Europe Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to France

Notice seeking proposals for projects aimed at central European audiences with the following goals: increasing the understanding of U.S. foreign policy and economic priorities related to Europe; advancing economic growth in both regions and worldwide; and furthering U.S.-European understanding and cooperation on shared cultural, political and economic values. Fund support efforts to foster dialogue between U.S. scholars and European experts, officials, media, students, civil society members, and representatives of key industries, by bringing six to ten high-level U.S. experts to discuss strategic U.S. foreign policy issues with central European audiences.

Proposals are due by September 19, 2018. Approximately \$200,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:

Applicants are only allowed to submit one proposal per organization LINKS:

Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior (Interior)

Notice seeking applications to manage fire, fuels, and wildfire response, consistent with the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and for BLM to participate with communities bordering Federal lands and local, State, and Federal stakeholders to reduce the risks and threats from wildland fire.

Applications are due September 20, 2018. Approximately \$20,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

FY2019 Marine Debris Removal

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking proposals to supports the development and implementation of locally-driven, marine debris prevention, assessment, and removal projects that benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources. Projects awarded through this grant competition will create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources through on-the-ground marine debris removal activities, with priority for those targeting derelict fishing gear and other medium- and large-scale debris.

Proposals are due October 29, 2018. Approximately \$2 million is available to support 8 to 15 awards.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

NIST Public Safety Innovation Accelerator Program – i-Axis National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking proposals from organizations with significant geospatial expertise and experience working with public safety to conduct activities that will allow first responders to rapidly and successfully incorporate new and emerging indoor mapping, tracking, navigation, and location-based services capabilities into their day-to-day operations.

Proposals are due October 19, 2018. Approximately \$600,000 is available to fund one award for three years.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

NRCS-IL Grazing Management Plans

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Notice seeking applications to partner with other natural resource conservation entities to provide technical services to private landowners by assisting them in the development of Grazing Management Plans. These plans are integral to participation in NRCS Farm Bill Programs focused on restoring and protecting eligible grazing lands, including rangeland, pastureland and certain other lands.

Applications are due September 21, 2018. Approximately \$90,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

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Research-Based Justification of How The Diversity Bonus can Benefit National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking proposals to develop a research-based justification of how the Diversity Bonus theorem can benefit how core convening and engagement practices are conducted and the metrics to measure the difference in the context of coastal community management. Contractors will craft a white paper exploring the implications of the diversity bonus for managing complex coastal issues; assess how OCM is doing in our efforts to convene and give voice to diverse perspectives on challenging coastal issues; form recommendations on what could be done differently to strategically create the right meeting culture and space that would enable coastal management problems to benefit from the diversity bonus; and develop metrics that articulate the "bonus" from engaging multiple perspectives to address complex coastal issues.

Proposals are due September 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. ET.

LINKS:

FBO

Rural Development Cooperative Agreement Program United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Notice seeking applications to support regional economic development planning efforts in rural communities. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships, and innovation. Key strategies include: Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America; Developing the Rural Economy; Harnessing Technological Innovation; Supporting a Rural Workforce; and Improving Quality of Life.

Applications are due September 5, 2018.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for Children who are Deaf-Blind and National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for Children who are Deaf-Blind CFDA Number 84.326T

Department of Education (Education), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Notice seeking applications to address the educational, related services, transitional, and early intervention needs of children who are deaf-blind through projects designed to increase access to, and progress in, the general education curriculum and grade-level academic content standards to improve communication skills with a goal of supporting lifelong learning, including postsecondary education and employment readiness.

Applications are due September 20, 2018. Approximately \$11.6 million is available to fund multiple awards.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, Federal Register

Army Education Advisory Subcommittee

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Army Education Advisory Subcommittee. The purpose of the meeting is

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to provide the subcommittee with an overview of the U.S. Army War College Academic Campaign Plan, discuss Middle States and JPME II accreditation matters, and to address other administrative matters.

The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on October 12, 2018 at the U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA, Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

LINKS:

Federal Register

National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters Public Teleconference

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD). The purpose of the NACCD is to provide advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary with respect to the medical and public health needs of children in relation to disasters.

The NACCD Public Teleconference will be held September 11, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. Members of the public may attend the public teleconference via a toll-free call-in phone number, which is available on the NACCD website at https://www.phe.gov/naccd. LINKS:

Federal Register

Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Notice announcing a meeting of the North American Numbering Council to consider a report from its Numbering Administration Oversight Working Group on the technical requirements to consolidate the services of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator. In addition, the FCC will provide more information on the new Interoperable Video Calling Working Group. The NANC will also continue its discussions on how to modernize and foster more efficient number administration in the United States.

The meeting will be held on September 13, 2018 starting at 9:30 a.m. ET at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

Federal Register, Agency Site

Office on Trafficking in Persons; Notice of Meeting

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Office on Trafficking in Persons. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to discuss its duties and information for a draft report on recommended best practices for states to follow in combating the sex trafficking of children and youth based on multidisciplinary research and promising, evidence-based models and programs.

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The meeting will be held Thursday, September 13, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET and Friday, September 14, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET at 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

Federal Register

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board; Meeting

Department of Education (Education)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Board to update the Board on current program activities, set future meeting dates, enable the Board to make recommendations to the Secretary on the current capital needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and discuss recommendations regarding how the Board might increase its effectiveness.

The meeting will be held September 19, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET at Room 1W128, Lyndon Baines Johnson Building, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC. LINKS:

Federal Register, Agency Site

Scaling-resistant RO/NF membrane for concentrate minimization Department of the Interior (Interior)

Notice seeking applications to research chlorine-resistant membrane chemistry against chlorine-resistant membrane chemistry with or without nanoscale surface patterns to create new commercially viable membranes that will increase the available water recovery from impaired sources.

Applications are due September 7, 2018. Approximately \$200,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to three years. LINKS:

Grants.gov

Youth Exchange on Social Cohesion Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to develop and implement a 14- to 21-day group exchange program to the United States for up to 10 UK-based young leaders, ages 18-25, to focus on efforts in the U.S. to counter hate crimes and build community resilience to conflict.

Applications are due September 24, 2018. Approximately \$125,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to one year.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Hispanic Council on Federal Employment

Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Hispanic Council on Federal Employment to discuss recruitment, hiring, and advancement of Hispanics in the Federal workforce.

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The meeting will be held September 25, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET at the Office of Personnel Management, Executive Conference Room, 1900 E St. NW, Washington, DC. LINKS:

Federal Register

Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee

Department of the Treasury (Treasury)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee to discuss steps the agency may be able to take to ensure the continued health and viability of minority depository institutions and other issues of concern to minority depository institutions.

The meeting will be held September 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. ET at the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC. LINKS:

Federal Register

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Enhance Population Access to Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Services in order to Achieve HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Specifically in Haut - Katanga under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for the acceleration of a comprehensive HIV prevention, care, and treatment program to achieve HIV epidemic control in selected Health Zones in Haut-Katanga province. This aims to provide evidence-based interventions, including targeted HIV testing to find more people living with HIV, especially among eligible contacts of HIV positive index cases, as well as community outreach through Orphan and Vulnerable Children services; HIV prevention services; TB/HIV prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services; Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission for general population and Key Population; and associated laboratory and strategic information services.

Applications are due October 22, 2018. Approximately \$3.5 million is available per year to fund one award.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury, Long-Term Impact of Military-Relevant Brain Injury Consortium (LIMBIC) Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications from a consortium to conduct a single large longitudinal study and associated sub-studies on the long-term impact of military-relevant brain injuries.

Pre-applications are due October 8, 2018. Applications are due January 7, 2019. Approximately \$25 million is available to fund one award for five years with an annual cap of \$5 million.

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LINKS:

Grants.gov

Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, post doctorates, and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research.

Due dates vary by awarding IC.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Scaling High Quality Laboratory Services for HIV Diagnosis, Care, Treatment and Monitoring in Mozambique under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to support Mozambique's Ministry of Health to strengthen the integrated national laboratory network in order to ensure the provision of quality services for clinical diagnosis, screening, and surveillance in support of HIV care and treatment and the achievement of an AIDS free generation. Projects will address the following elements of laboratory systems: governance and management of the integrated laboratory network, strengthening institutions to build and retain a quality laboratory workforce, building technical and scientific capacity, and implementing quality management systems towards accreditation.

Applications are due October 22, 2018. Two cooperative agreements are anticipated with an average annual amount of \$2.5 million for five years. LINKS:

Grants.gov

Strengthen Capacity of South African Government's Department of Health and Implementing Partners to Deliver Quality Differentiated, Advanced Clinical Care for Unstable HIV and TB/HIV Patients in the Republic of South Africa under PEPFAR

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for innovative capacity building approaches for health service providers to better manage complicated and unstable HIV and TB/HIV co-infected patients in South Africa. Activities must include but are not limited to: building in-country capacity through in-person and other innovative capacity-building approaches in advanced clinical care to effectively manage complicated HIV and TB/HIV co-infected patients; building a cadre of local expertise through a Train the Trainer model; and using innovative virtual platforms and technological tools to provide technical assistance to facility based staff on management of complicated HIV and TB/HIV cases.

Applications are due October 22, 2018. Approximately \$5 million is available to fund one award for five years.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

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Supporting Counties and Other Indigenous Health Management Institutions to Bridge Skill Gaps Among Health Care Workforce Necessary for HIV Epidemic Control in Kenya under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for activities that identify and address capacity gaps within county health management teams in Kenya, with focus on gaps related to human resource management; identify training needs of the existing workforce; come up with plans to address capacity gaps with an emphasis on nontraditional areas of proficiency; and develop innovative training approaches to expand the reach of health care workers in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

Applications are due October 22, 2018. Two cooperative agreements are anticipated. LINKS:

Grants.gov

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines; Notice of Meeting

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines to discuss updates from the Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Department of Justice, National Vaccine Program Office, Immunization Safety Office of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research.

The meeting will be held September 6, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

Federal Register, Agency Site

Expanding Access to Effective Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Provider Perspectives on Reducing Barriers to Evidence-Based Care; Public Meeting

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting entitled Expanding Access to Effective Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Provider Perspectives on Reducing Barriers to Evidence-Based Care. During the public meeting, speakers and participants will cover issues related to expanding access to effective treatment, specifically in regard to provider perspectives on reducing barriers to evidence-based care.

The meeting will be held September 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington, DC. LINKS:

Federal Register

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry to hold a follow-up discussions on PHS Act section 747 and oral health training programs, and

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finalize its recommendations on funding and appropriation levels to be included in its 16th report. In addition, the Committee will complete the 16th report and a pending report on promoting clinical trainee and faculty well-being and mitigating burnout.

The meeting will be held September 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

Federal Register, Agency Site

National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters and National Biodefense Science Board Public Teleconference

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) and National Biodefense Science Board. The purpose of the NACCD is to provide advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary with respect to the medical and public health needs of children in relation to disasters.

The NBSB and NACCD Joint Public Teleconference is September 12, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). To register, send an email to naccd@hhs.gov with "NACCD Registration" in the subject line, or to nprsb@hhs.gov with "NBSB Registration" in the subject line.

LINKS:

Federal Register

Data Integration and Resource Center (DIRC) for Common Fund Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures Program (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeking applications to support a Data Integration and Resource Center to integrate the efforts of all funded components of the Common Fund Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures Program (A2CPS) and serve as a community-wide nexus for protocols, data, assay and data standards, and other resources generated by the A2CPS Program.

Requested letters of intent are due September 24, 2018. Applications are due October 24, 2018. Approximately \$0.3M in FY 19 (planning year), and \$2.6M in each of FY 20, FY21, and FY 22 to support one award lasting up to four years. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Enhancement of Tactical Planning Tools in Support of Naval Health Research Center, San Diego Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense), Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Notice seeking applications to develop, implement, use, and enhance the functionality of Naval Health Research Center's Modeling and Simulation tools to include, but not limited to, Joint Medical Planning Tool, a Medical Planner's Toolkit, Enterprise Estimating Supplies Program, and other military tools to design medical course-of-action analyses and studies in a distributed web-based environment for the entire range of operations.

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Applications are due September 24, 2018. Support is available for projects lasting up to one year. LINKS:

FBO

Improving Smoking Cessation Interventions among People Living with HIV (R21 and R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeking applications to reduce the incidence of tobacco-related disease and death among people living with HIV (PLWH) that includes research to address the behavioral and sociocultural factors and conditions that are associated with cigarette smoking among PLWH, and may also highlight smoking-related health disparities among PLWH, considering the heterogeneity across the various subgroups of PLWH.

Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due January 8, 2019. Approximately \$1 million is available for three R21 awards to support projects lasting up to two years. Approximately \$2 million is available for three R01 awards to support projects lasting up to five years. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation, Grants.gov

Lost Wages Support for Living Organ Donors Demonstration Project Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to assess whether reimbursing lost wages increases individuals' willingness to become living organ donors with a particular focus in researching whether and how reimbursement for lost wages affect individuals' behaviors towards living donation, as indicated by willingness to undergo donor evaluation.

Applications are due November 27, 2018. Approximately \$2 million is available for one award to support a project lasting up to three years. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Omics Data Generation Centers (ODGCs) for Common Fund Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures Program (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeking applications to use cutting edge technologies to perform omics analyses (e.g. metabolomic, lipidomic, proteomic, extracellular RNA) of body fluids collected by the Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures consortium.

Requested letters of intent are due September 24, 2018. Applications are due October 24, 2018. Approximately \$0.2M in FY 19 (planning year), \$4M in FY 20, \$4M in FY 21, and \$2M in FY 22 is available for up to three awards to support projects lasting up to four years. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

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Packaging and Spreading Proven Pediatric Weight Management Interventions for Use by Low-Income Families

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Extramural Research Program Office

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to increase the availability and number of packaged effective pediatric weight management interventions (PWMI) that can be used by healthcare, community or public health organizations to serve low-income children and their caregivers. Funds support efforts to take existing evidence based PWMI, and convert them into user-friendly "packaged" materials that can be replicated and pilot tested in real world settings in order to increase the access to and uptake of acceptable, effective, and packaged PWMIs by institutions that serve low-income children.

Optional letters of intent are due September 24, 2018. Applications are due October 24, 2018. Approximately \$12.5 million is available to support five awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov

Advisory Committee: National Academic Affiliations Council, Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Academic Affiliations Council (NAAC) to advise the Secretary on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates. Agenda items include: review the status of its previous recommendations and receive an informational briefing on the modernization of VA's electronic health record; explore the recent activities of the NAAC Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee and have an open discussion with Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Former Executive in Charge and currently assigned oversight responsibilities for the Offices of Academic Affiliations and Research and Development; receive presentations on VA's Care in the Community program and new VA programs for licensing space from community partners; explore the VA Telehealth Program and related educational issues; get brief updates on items of continued interest such as the waiver processes for those VA employees having relationships with for-profit educational institutions; and focus its attention on rural health and various new authorities and programs conferred by the MISSION Act.

The meeting will be held all day on September 17, 2018-September 18, 2018 in the VA Office of Academic Affiliations Conference Room 4040, 4th Floor, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

Federal Register

Announcement for Public Meeting Regarding Health Care Standards for Quality

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs to seek information from pertinent entities relating to establishing standards for quality regarding hospital care, medical services, and extended care services furnished by the Department, including through non-Department health care providers.

The meeting will be held on September 24, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET at the Veterans Health Administration National Conference Center at 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. In-person attendance will be limited to 60 individuals. Advanced registration for individuals and groups is

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strongly encouraged. In-person attendees must register via email by contacting Christopher Rossio at: christopher.rossio@va.gov.

LINKS:

Federal Register

Meetings

National Council on Disability (National Council on Disability), Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

Notice announcing a meeting of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to discuss business development.

The meeting will be held on September 6 - 7, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the Access Board Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC. Live stream the meeting on September 7, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET at: www.access-board.gov/webcast. Meeting attendees requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

LINKS:

Federal Register

Request for Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry is requesting nominations to fill vacancies on the committee.

HRSA will receive nominations on a continuous basis. Written nominations for membership can be submitted by mail to Advisory Council Operations, Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA, Room 11W45C, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857 or sent by email to: BHWAdvisoryCouncilFRN@hrsa.gov.

LINKS:

Federal Register

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Office of Infectious Diseases (OID)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking nominations for the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Office of Infectious Diseases (OID), which consists of 17 experts in fields associated with the issues addressed by CDC's infectious disease national centers (e.g., respiratory diseases, antimicrobial resistance, foodborne diseases, zoonotic and vector borne diseases, sexually transmitted diseases) and specialties, including clinical and public health practice (including state and local health departments), research and diagnostics, bioinformatics, health policy/communications, and industry. Nominees will be selected based on expertise in the fields of infectious diseases and related specialties.

Nominations must be received by October 31, 2018.

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LINKS:

Federal Register

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Division of Environmental Biology Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking applications to support research and training on evolutionary and ecological processes acting at the level of populations, species, communities, and ecosystems. DEB encourages research that elucidates fundamental principles that identify and explain the unity and diversity of life and its interactions with the environment over space and time.

Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately \$100 million is available to support 120 awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Division of Integrative Organismal Systems Core Programs Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to support research aimed at understanding why organisms are structured the way they are and function as they do. Proposals are welcomed in all of the core scientific program areas supported by the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS).

Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately \$60 million is available to support 250 awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences: Investigator-initiated research projects (MCB) Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to support quantitative, mechanistic, predictive, and theory-driven fundamental research designed to promote understanding of complex living systems at the molecular, subcellular, and cellular levels.

Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately \$90 million is available to support 110 awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Early Career: Practical Methods to Analyze and Treat Emerging Contaminants (PFAS) in Solid Waste, Landfills, Wastewater/Leachates, Soils, and Groundwater to Protect Human Health and the Environment Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Center for Environmental Research (NCER)

Notice seeking applications proposing research that will lead to: (1) better understanding and characterization of the types and quantities of current and historical per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS-containing waste associated with waste disposal (e.g., landfills), as well as media containing PFAS released from these activities (e.g., PFAS in leachate collected by landfills or PFAS leaching to subsurface soils and groundwater); (2) increased knowledge of the fate, transport, potential for degradation or other changes to PFAS, and their mobility during materials management (e.g., under different

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landfill conditions such as pH, temperature, moisture content) that facilitate or retard such transformation or movement; and (3) new or improved methods that are more effective, efficient (in cost, energy, etc.), and practical in controlling, treating, destroying, or removing PFAS in waste and wastewater, landfill leachates, bio solids, or environmental media.

Applications are due October 2, 2018. Approximately \$6 million is available to support eight awards.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Science Foundation (NSF), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.K. Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

Notice seeking proposals to support research on the ecological, evolutionary, and social principles and processes that influence the transmission dynamics of infectious diseases. The central theme of submitted projects must be quantitative or computational understanding of pathogen transmission dynamics.

Proposals are due November 21, 2018 and Third Wednesday in November, annually thereafter. Approximately \$20 million is available to support eight awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

FY 2019 Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications that funds projects seeking to optimize research and development benefits from U.S. marine fishery resources through cooperative efforts involving the best research and management talents to accomplish priority activities.

Applications are due October 23, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into Geoscience Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR), Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to increase the number of undergraduate students interested in pursuing undergraduate degrees and/or post-graduate degrees in geoscience through the design and testing of novel approaches for engaging students in authentic, career-relevant experiences in geoscience.

Required letters of intent are due September 21, 2018. Proposals are due November 19, 2018. Approximately \$6 million is available to support 20 awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Internet Security - Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (IS-ISAO) Pilot

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Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security), National Protections and Programs Directorate (NPPD)

Notice seeking applications to establish a pilot program to create the Internet Security Information Sharing Analysis Organization (IS-ISAO) to explore and evaluate the most effective methods for bi-lateral cybersecurity information sharing, focusing on regional information sharing, communications and outreach, training and education, research and development for the improvement of State Local Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) government capabilities and capacity.

Applications are due September 14, 2018. Approximately \$3 million is available to support one award for 12 months.

LINKS:

Grants.gov

Opportunities for Promoting Understanding through Synthesis Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to provide opportunities for mid- to later-career investigators to develop new understanding of science in the fields supported by the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) through two tracks of synthesis activities. The two tracks are Mid-Career Synthesis and Core Research Synthesis.

Proposals are due November 19, 2018, August 5, 2019, and the First Monday in August, annually thereafter. Up to \$3 million per year is available to support 8 to 15 awards. LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Practical Methods to Analyze and Treat Emerging Contaminants (PFAS) in Solid Waste, Landfills, Wastewater/Leachates, Soils, and Groundwater to Protect Human Health and the Environment Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Center for Environmental Research (NCER)

Notice seeking applications proposing research that will lead to: (1) better understanding and characterization of the types and quantities of current and historical per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS-containing waste associated with waste disposal (e.g., landfills), as well as media containing PFAS released from these activities (e.g., PFAS in leachate collected by landfills or PFAS leaching to subsurface soils and groundwater); (2) increased knowledge of the fate, transport, potential for degradation or other changes to PFAS, and their mobility during materials management (e.g., under different landfill conditions such as pH, temperature, moisture content) that facilitate or retard such transformation or movement; and (3) new or improved methods that are more effective, efficient (in cost, energy, etc.), and practical in controlling, treating, destroying, or removing PFAS in waste and wastewater, landfill leachates, bio solids, or environmental media.

Applications are due October 2, 2018. Approximately \$6 million is available to support eight awards.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals from early-career researchers for fellowships addressing important scientific questions within the scope of the social, behavioral, and economic sciences.

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Proposals are due November 20, 2018 and annually on November 1 thereafter. Approximately \$3 million is available to fund 15 to 20 fellowships per year.

Limited Submission:

One application per candidate per year.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, Solicitation

Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee with the following agenda: View from Washington; View from Germantown; Update on Exascale project activities; Report from Subcommittee on 40 years of investments by the Department of Energy in advanced computing and networking; Update on Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility—Summit; Technical presentations; and Public Comment.

The meeting will be held September 17, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET at the Holiday Inn Capital, 550 C Street SW, Washington, DC. LINKS:

Federal Register, Agency Site

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board with the following agenda: Welcome and Overview; Remarks from DOE Under Secretary for Science; EM Budget Update; Field Operations Update; Regulatory and Policy Affairs Update; Lunch and Remarks from Assistant Secretary for EM; EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer's Update; Recommendation(s) Development and Discussion; EM SSAB Chairs Round Robin; and Recommendation(s) Development and Discussion.

The meeting will be held September 11, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. ET at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Magnolia Room, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA. LINKS:

Federal Register, Agency Site

Security from a Wireless Spectrum Perspective: Technology Innovation and Policy Research Needs

National Science Foundation (NSF)

This workshop will focus on the R&D challenges of securing the wireless spectrum access medium to assure spectrum availability, reliability and performance over wireless links.

The meeting will be held September 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the NITRD office, 490 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Suite 8001 (8th Floor), Washington, DC 20024. Participation is by invitation only but observers are welcome on a first come first served basis. This event will be webcast. The agenda and information about how to join the webcast will be available the week of the event at: https://www.nitrd.gov/nitrdgroups/index.php?title=WSRD-Workshop-X. LINKS:

Federal Register

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2019 Dual Use Technology Development Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) at Marshall Space Flight Center

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice supporting proposals to identify technology partnerships with U.S. industry and academia that complement the technology development interests of Marshall Space Flight Center. Technical focus areas include: Innovative/Advanced Propulsion Systems; Advanced Manufacturing; Structures and Materials; Technologies Supporting Environmental Control and Life Support Systems; Technologies Supporting Spacecraft Systems; Technologies Enabling Science Research; and Technologies Supporting Systems Engineering. The participating partner is required to contribute at least 50 percent of the total resources necessary to accomplish the project effort.

Required step-1 proposals are due October 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. CT and May 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Approximately \$10,000-100,000 per award is available to support multiple awards. LINKS:

FBO

Safe Documents (SafeDocs)

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Information Innovation Office

Notice supporting innovative research proposals in the area of secure processing of untrusted electronic data. Technical areas include: Extant Syntax Recovery, Simplification, and Safe Sub-setting; Constructing Secure Parsers; Testing and Evaluation; and Instantiation. Each application may only address one technical area.

Optional abstracts are due September 7, 2018 at noon ET. Applications are due October 19, 2018 at noon ET. Multiple awards are expected between the four technical areas. LINKS:

Grants.gov, FBO

Searchlight

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Information Innovation Office

Notice supporting innovative research proposals in the area of Internet-scale network quality of service management for distributed applications that investigates innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems. Technical areas include: Applications and Network Analytics; and Network Resource Management.

Optional abstracts are due September 6, 2018 by noon ET. Proposals are due October 17, 2018. Approximately \$18 million is available to support multiple awards between the two technical areas.

LINKS:

Grants.gov, FBO

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), which provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the

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research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO. Agenda items will include Directorate updates; Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education and Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering updates; a review of NSF's policy on sexual harassment, Committee of Visitor reports; discussion of National Ecological Observatory Network user engagement; programmatic activities within BIO and graduate education/training; updates on NSF's Big Ideas; and other matters relevant to the Directorate for Biological Sciences.

The meeting will be held at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E 2020, Alexandria, VA from September 20, 2018; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ET to September 21, 2018; 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. ET

LINKS: Federal Register