SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO

• LA Board of Regents: LA NASA EPSCoR RAP Solicitation Announcement

The Louisiana NASA EPSCoR program is now accepting proposals for both of our Research Infrastructure Development award programs. Our Research Award Program (RAP) solicitation is open as of Wednesday, January 22, 2014 and proposals will be accepted until midnight on Monday, March 24, 2014. Our Travel Awards Program (TAP) is a year-round opportunity and we are accepting proposals on an ongoing basis. Please read the guidelines carefully and follow the current instructions as updates have been made.

Research Awards Program (RAP) The RAP program is supported under the Louisiana Board of Regents’ (BOR) EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Development (RID) award from the NASA EPSCoR program. This competition stresses collaborative ventures between the state’s researchers and NASA. The goals of this program are to (a) acquaint LA researchers with the NASA centers and their research personnel, (b) foster development of joint research projects between LA researchers and NASA researchers, and (c) move the state’s researchers up to the next level of competitiveness. 2014 RAP Proposals will be accepted until Monday, March 24, 2014. Abstracts from the 2013 winning RAP proposals are included on our website.

Travel Awards Program (TAP) TAP will support the travel of LA researchers to NASA centers (for up to a week) to meet and interact with center research groups or to NASA HQ (up to three days) to interact with program managers. It is intended to provide sufficient time for a detailed interchange of ideas and capabilities and for planning mutually beneficial projects. Ideally these meetings will lead to the development of a project suitable to a LA NASA EPSCoR one-year research award proposal (RAP). TAP proposals will be reviewed at any time unless the program is marked “Closed” on our website. If you have any questions about the requirements or format, please do not hesitate to contact our office (fava@phunds.phys.lsu.edu or guzik@phunds.phys.lsu.edu). If you or your Research Office would like a hard-copy of either solicitation, please request one from the LaSPACE/NASA EPSCoR office by contacting Amy Eads (eads@phys.lsu.edu or 225-578-8697).

Links: Current Solicitations

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Jordan USAID-Amman: Workforce Development and Enterprise Support Project

Notice seeking applications to create a competitive, demand driven workforce development system that leads to increased private sector employment, especially for women, youth and those living at or below the poverty line. Questions are due January 29, 2014. Applications are due February 12, 2014. Approximately $40 million is available to support one award. Educational institutions that are able to respond in person through oral applications and be able to mobilize in a very short period of time are eligible.

Links: Grants.gov

ARTS, HUMANITIES and INTERNATIONAL

• U.S. Department of State (DoS); Iraq Assistance Office; Office of Iraq Economic and Assistance: U.S. Embassy Baghdad Annual Program Statement on The Ambassador's Funds

Notice seeking Statements of Interest (SOIs) from prospective partners to implement activities that promote reconciliation and stability in Iraq and that improve the institutional capacity of Iraqi organizations and local communities. The geographic focus under consideration is Iraq. Initial SOIs are due March 17, 2014. Program is open until January 17, 2015. Approximately $3.2 million is available in support for FY 14.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ): Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice announcing a public meeting of the National Commission on Forensic Science to receive background on forensic science standards and an update on forensic science initiatives from NIST, and to discuss issues to be considered. The meeting will be held February 3, 2014, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, ET, and February 4, 2014, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, at the Office of Justice Programs, 3rd floor ballroom, 810 7th Street NW, Washington, DC. Individuals interested in attending should register at http://conferences.csrincorporated.com with the code 2014-103P by January 27, 2014.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART): SMART FY 14 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program

Notice seeking applications for funding under the SMART Office FY 2014 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program to further the Department's mission by assisting states, the District of Columbia, territories and certain federally recognized Indian tribes with implementation and ongoing maintenance of requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. Applications are due April 10, 2014. Approximately $400,000 is available to support multiple awards over two years. Colleges and universities are eligible to serve as partners to the states.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of the Interior: Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands Landscape Conservation Cooperative; FY14

Notice seeking proposals to promote coordination, dissemination, and development of applied science to inform conservation of natural and cultural resources in the face of climate change and other landscape scale stressors. Topic 1: A coarse filter vulnerability assessment for terrestrial habitats relative to invasive animal species. Topic 2: A coarse filter vulnerability assessment for key species and human communities relative to contaminants and pollutants. Proposals are due on February 24, 2014. Multiple awards will be available, but will not exceed $100,000 for any single award in two topical areas.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Community Health Projects Related to Contamination at Brownfield/Land Reuse Sites (ATSDR CHPs)

Notice seeking non-research applications for projects that will identify, address, and improve public health ensuring that in redeveloping Brownfield/Land Reuse sites, particular attention is paid to identifying and addressing health issues prior to redevelopment and assessing changes in community health associated with reuse plans and redevelopment. If research is proposed, the application will not be considered. Letters of Intent are strongly encouraged and due February 19, 2014. Applications are due March 19, 2014. Approximately $300,000 is available to support two awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Microbiology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee

Notice announcing a public meeting of the Microbiology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee to discuss, make recommendations, and vote on a premarket approval application for a new indication for the cobas Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Test, sponsored by Roche Molecular Systems, Inc. The meeting will be held March 12, 2014, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, ET, at the College Park Holiday Inn, Ballroom, 10000 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD. Members of the public wishing to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact by February 21, 2014. Those wishing to submit written comments should do so by March 3, 2013.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH): National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing meeting of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to review and evaluate programmatic and personnel issues and to hear scientific presentations. The meeting will be held on February 23, 24, and 25, 2014. Portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); Multiple Institutes: PHS 2014-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH for Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Applications (Parent STTR [R41/R42]

Notice seeking proposals from small business concerns in the development of projects that have potential for commercialization. Small business concerns that have the research capabilities and technological expertise to contribute to the R&D mission(s) of the NIH awarding components identified are encouraged to submit STTR grant applications in these areas. Applications are due April 5, August 5, and December 5, 2014. Program expires January 8, 2015. Awards vary by topic. Only small businesses are eligible to apply. Colleges and universities may have opportunities to partner.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); Multiple Institutes: PHS 2014-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications (Parent SBIR [R43/R44])

Notice seeking applications to fund small businesses concerns that have the research capabilities and technological expertise to contribute to the R&D mission(s) of the NIH, CDC, FDA or ACF awarding components identified in this FOA are encouraged to submit SBIR grant applications in response to identified topics (see PHS 2014-2 SBIR/STTR Program Descriptions and Research Topics for NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF. Applications are due April 5, August 5, and December 5, 2014. Program expires January 8, 2015. Awards vary by topic. Only small businesses are eligible to apply. Colleges and universities may have opportunities to partner.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS): Research Centers for Pharmacogenomics in Precision Medicine (P50)

Notice seeking applications to stimulate the formation of centers that will conduct cutting-edge research studies designed to push the boundaries for understanding and predicting therapeutic drug responses. The FOA describes research centers that examine drug actions within the context of precision medicine, or data-driven prescribing. Optional letters of intent are due thirty days before the application due date. Applications are due annually on September 25. Program expires September 26, 2016. Approximately $1.75 million is available per award for a period of five years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Aging (NIA): National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging. The agenda includes reports from the Director, the Task Force on Minority Aging Research, and the Intramural Program. The open portion of the meeting will be held on February 26, 2014, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, ET, at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH): Tools for Monitoring and Manipulating Modified RNAs in the Nervous System

Notice seeking applications to incentivize small businesses to generate tools and products specifically for monitoring and manipulating covalently modified eukaryotic mRNAs and regulatory RNAs. Requested letters of intent are due March 24, 2014. Applications are due April 24, 2014. Approximately $2 million is available to support 8 to 13 awards. Colleges and universities are eligible to partner.

Links: R43/R44: Solicitation, Grants.gov
R41/R42: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); Office of Strategic Coordination: NIH Directors Biomedical Research Workforce Innovation Award: Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) (DP7)

Notice seeking applications to identify and support bold and innovative approaches designed to broaden graduate and postdoctoral training, such that training programs reflect the range of career options that Ph.D. graduate students and postdoctoral (regardless of funding source) pursue and that are required for a robust biomedical, behavioral, social and clinical research enterprise. Collaborations with non-academic partners are encouraged to ensure that experts from a broad spectrum of research-intensive and research-related careers contribute to coursework, rotations, internships or other forms of exposure. This program will establish a new paradigm for graduate and postdoctoral training; awardee institutions will work together to define needs and share best practices. Requested letters of intent are due February 28, 2014. Applications are due March 31, 2014. Approximately $3 million is available to support seven to ten awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health: Public Meeting of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

Notice announcing a public meeting to discuss the BRAIN Initiative and ongoing work in neuroscience. The meeting will take place February 10, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET and February 11, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Links: Federal Register

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Space Technology Mission Directorate: Early Career Faculty (ECF)

Notice seeking proposals focused on supporting outstanding faculty researchers early in their careers as they conduct space technology research of high priority to NASA's Mission Directorates. Notices of intent are requested by February 14, 2014. Proposals are due March 14, 2014. The typical annual award value is $200,000.

Links: Solicitation, FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC), International Trade Administration (ITA): Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

Notice announcing a public meeting of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC) to present their initial recommendations on improving the export competitiveness of the RE&EE sector. The meeting will be held February 12, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3407, 1401 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); Bureau of Industry and Security: Materials Technical Advisory Committee

Notice announcing a meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology. The meeting will be held on February 6, 2014, 10 a.m. at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues N.W., Washington, DC.

Links: Federal Register
• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

Notice announcing a meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. The purpose of the meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET and Thursday, February 6, 2014, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET in the Portrait Room, Administration Building, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to synthesize and summarize the science and information pertaining to current and future impacts of climate. The meeting will be held February 20, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST and February 21, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST. These times are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/NCADAC/index.html for changes and for the most up-to-date meeting agenda. The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton located at 1201 K Street, NW Washington DC.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Department of the Air Force: Request for Information (RFI) Alternate Power Sources

Notice seeking information to determine qualified, experienced, and interested potential sources of alternate power or batteries. Questions are due February 7, 2014. Statement of Capabilities and responses are due February 21, 2014.

Links: FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC): Broad Agency Announcement for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

Notice seeking basic research proposals to stimulate young pupils in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics. Target students attend public or private primary, middle, and high schools in certain counties within Alabama, Maryland, Mississippi, Illinois, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Virginia. See solicitation for details. Proposals will be continuously accepted and evaluated until January 31, 2015. Up to $30,000 is available for each grant or cooperative agreement.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Energy (DoE); National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL): Research for Safe and Permanent Geologic Storage of CO2

Notice seeking applications to develop characterization tools, technologies, and or methodologies that improve the ability to predict geologic storage capacity within 30 percent, improve the utilization of the reservoir by understanding how faults and fractures in a reservoir affect the flow of CO2, and ensure storage permanence. Applications are due March 24, 2014. Approximately $6 million is available to support four to eight awards over a period of three years. All applications must provide appropriate cost share information.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Energy (DoE); National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL); Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE): FY 2014 Vehicle Technologies Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement

Notice seeking applications supports a broad research, development, and deployment technology portfolio focused on reducing the cost and improving the performance of a mix of near- and long-term vehicle technologies including advanced batteries, power electronics and electric motors, lightweight and propulsion materials, advanced combustion engines, advanced fuels and lubricants, and other enabling technologies. Questions are due February 19, 2014. Applications are due April 1, 2014. Approximately $49.4 million is available in support.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Energy (DoE); National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL): Biological Hydrogen Production Workshop Report: Public Comment

Notice seeking comments from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on issues related to biological hydrogen production pathways, specifically with respect to the Biological Hydrogen Production Workshop Report. Responses are due February 28, 2014 to the email below. Only electronic responses will be accepted.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
University of New Orleans Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
Weekly Funding Opportunities
January 27, 2014


Notice seeking information to support the development and implementation of innovative technologies that will create competitive advantage for domestic solar energy technology manufacturers and manufacturers in the solar supply chain. It is anticipated that this FOA will be posted to EERE Exchange February 2014. Approximately $25 million with a minimum 50% awardee cost share required is expected for the program.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Sandia Corporation; Sandia National Laboratories (SNL): Partnership Opportunity: Efficient Irregular Computed Tomography Reconstruction Program for Large-Scale Data and Industrial Applications

Notice seeking information from industrial partners interested in a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with SNL for the development of a GUI-based CT reconstruction program capable of reconstructing up to 4 trillion volumetric pixels in less than 24 hours. Responses are due March 7, 2014. Opportunities exist for collaborations with colleges and universities.

Links: FBO notice

• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention: Fiscal Year 2014 Pollution Prevention Grant Program

Notice seeking applications to assist state and tribal governments to encourage businesses to adopt environmental strategies and solutions that significantly reduce or eliminate waste from the source. Proposals are due March 20, 2014. Approximately $4.1 million is available to states and tribes for one year. Colleges and universities are not eligible to apply as lead institutions, but can serve as partners.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

STATE and REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Links: Federal Register

• Acadia National Park Advisory Commission

Links: Federal Register

• Notice of February 3, 2014, Meeting for Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

Links: Federal Register

• CESU Student Intern Program, BLM Arizona Strip District LINK: Grants.gov

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• Student Intern Program, BLM Arizona Strip District LINK: Grants.gov

Links: Grants.gov

• Mountain West Region Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Center

Links: Grants.gov

• Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, South Florida/Caribbean CESU

Links: Grants.gov

• Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Southern Appalachian Mountains CESU

Links: Grants.gov