ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Expanding Participating of People with Disability Program

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking concept papers to propose innovative and effective approaches to increase the participation of people with disabilities in USAID programs/activities, and strengthen the capacity and leadership of civil society organizations run by and for people with disabilities. Projects may be stand-alone, targeted programs to benefit persons with disabilities, or they can be projects/activities that seek to mainstream persons with disabilities within larger USAID/Bangladesh programs. Concept papers are due February 8, 2016. Awards are up to $600,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Sustainable WASH Systems BAA

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking expressions of interest (EOI) for opportunities to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate in the research, development, piloting, testing, and scaling of innovative, practical and cost-effective interventions to address the sustainability of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) service delivery in focus countries. EOI are due February 10, 2016. Questions must be submitted to the contact by January 27, 2016. Selected applicants will be invited to collaborate on a concept paper with USAID, which will then be reviewed by the Peer and Scientific Review Board.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. Embassy Seoul PAS Annual Program Statement

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Korea; Public Affairs Section (PAS)

Notice seeking proposals to support exchange between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea with the aim of improving mutual respect and understanding. Projects may include, but are not limited to: academic and professional lectures, seminars and speaker programs; artistic and cultural workshops, joint performances and exhibitions; cultural heritage conservation and preservation projects; professional and academic exchanges and projects; professional development workshops and training. Projects must have an American component or aspect in their proposal.

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until September 30, 2016. Awards of up to $100,000 are considered (though smaller projects are more likely to be funded) to support projects generally lasting up to one year. Eligibility is limited to non-profit organizations and educational institutions located in the Republic of Korea, but opportunities exist for collaboration with U.S. colleges and universities.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Wildlife Without Borders Central America 2016

Department of the Interior (Interior), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice seeking proposals in four priority areas to reduce threats to key species and ecosystems in Central America and to strengthen the requisite individual and institutional capacity to sustain conservation programs in the long-term: 1) reducing unsustainable agricultural and land use practices; 2) cattle reporting; 3) conserving jaguar populations of Central America; 4) improving wildlife security in Central America. Project activities should take place in Central America. If work is to be conducted in the United States, the proposal must show a clear impact on biodiversity conservation in Central America to be eligible.

Applications are due April 1, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available for 10 to 12 awards to support projects lasting from one to two years.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Request for Information (NEA Our Town Program Evaluation)

National Education Association (NEA)

Notice seeking information to identify parties able to support a potential requirement to 1) construct a theory of change and a measurement model and 2) design/conduct a mixed methods evaluation for the NEA's Our Town program. The theory of change/measurement model should be informed by a rapid scan of outcomes, metrics, and data tools used by other place-based initiatives, interviews with field experts, and reviews of Our Town final grant reports - to identify a) the appropriate outcomes that can be achieved by Our Town grants, and to determine b) which of those outcomes are most conducive to short-term measurement.

Responses are due by January 29, 2016.

LINKS: FBO

Supporting Human Rights and Civic Education, and Building Community Resilience in Tajikistan

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications to support the right to peaceful religious practice, including the right to participate in religiously-based organizations; and prevent radicalization as a result of human rights abuses, including religious freedom abuses in Tajikistan. Funds support, but are not limited to, the following activities: training local civil society organizations on building community awareness about universal human rights; credible and secure documentation of religious freedom abuses; engagement opportunities with youth to promote community activism; activities utilizing the role of women in building community resilience; and international advocacy activities.

Applications are due by March 18, 2016. Approximately $450,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

2017 National Heritage Fellowships Awards Program

National Education Association (NEA)

Notice seeking applications to assist the NEA 2017 National Heritage Fellowships Awards program by coordinating a concert, ceremony and reception, awardee dinner, and associated events.

Applications are due April 5, 2016. Approximately $310,000 is available to support one award. Limited Submission: One application per organization.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Dominican Republic USAID-Santo Domingo

Notice seeking proposals to increase the participation of people with disabilities in USAID programs/activities; and strengthen the capacity and leadership of civil society organizations run by and for people with disabilities (Disabled People's Organizations or DPOs).

Concept papers are due February 19, 2016. Questions are due February 5, 2016 and must be emailed to the contact with the subject line, "Disability Funds Question or Disability Fund Concept Paper." Approximately $6 million is available for small awards from $20,000 to $300,000 and large awards from $300,000 to $600,000 to support projects lasting 12 to 36 months. Non DPO organizations must collaborate with a local DPO organization and include substantial involvement of disabled people in the project. Projects that address the needs of marginalized groups are encouraged.

LINKS: Grants.gov
FY 2016 Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program Overseas Components

Department of State (State), Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

Notice seeking applications to manage the FY2016 organizational components of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. The YES program advances the U.S. foreign policy goals of engaging youth populations and building civil society by providing physical exchanges and building lasting ties between high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations and the people of the United States.

Applications are due March 28, 2016. Approximately up to $16.2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Legal Education Support Program for Pakistan

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to assist in the development of training and educational programs for law students in Pakistan to improve their basic legal skills and prepare them to investigate and prosecute crime, corruption, and terrorism.

Applications are due March 27, 2016. Questions are due March 7, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one to five awards for projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Notice seeking applications for to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services.

Applications are due April 1, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support 267 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Notice seeking applications to support activities that advance the operations of eligible Native American libraries to new levels of service.

Applications are due April 1, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants Program

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Notice seeking applications to support activities that enhance existing library services or implement new library services.

Applications are due April 1, 2016. Approximately $550,000 is available to support four awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Wildlife Without Borders – Latin America and the Caribbean (South America)

Department of the Interior (Interior), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Notice seeking applications to effectively engage stakeholders at the individual, community, organizational and institutional levels to implement sound conservation actions in a participatory and inclusive way that produces clear conservation results that are sustainable and enduring. Program goal: conserve priority species, habitats and ecological processes across landscapes with high biodiversity value in South America.

Applications are due May 2, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available to support 12 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation to receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other VA benefits programs.

The meeting will be held on March 21-22, 2016 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm ET at 1800-G Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001, on the Sixth Floor in Conference Room 645A.

LINKS: Federal Register

Request for Preproposals to develop and or improve climate change actions' effect on linkages between ecological and human resources.

Department of the Interior (Interior), Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice seeking applications to address natural and cultural resource managers' needs as they work to understand and adapt to our regions changing climate and/or other landscape-scale stressors. Project proposals should be developed in coordination with end-users and decision-relevant needs/outcomes must be clearly identified.

Applications are due March 18, 2016. Approximately $200,000 is available to support up to five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom (SPECA) Challenge Grant Program

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice seeking applications to promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences.

Applications are due March 18, 2016. Approximately $858,500 is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service (FS)

Notice announcing a teleconference of the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to: Learn about extension and university landowner outreach efforts; Work group report outs on outreach efforts; Develop future meeting topics; and Develop the April meeting agenda.

The teleconference will be held on February 17, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, ET

LINKS: Federal Register

National Research Advisory Council, Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Research Advisory Council.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2016 in Room 730 at 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington DC. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m., and is open to the public.

LINKS: Federal Register

Session of the International Maritime Organization Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response Public Meeting

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing a public meeting to prepare for the third Session of the International Maritime Organization Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response. Meeting items include, but are not limited to: Code for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels; Revised guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis; Consideration of the impact on the Arctic of emissions of Black Carbon from international shipping; Guidelines for onboard sampling and verification of the Sulphur content of the fuel oil used on ships; and a Report to the Marine Environment Protection Committee

The meeting will take place at 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, in the Oklahoma Room of the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Session of the International Maritime Organization's Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication, and Search and Rescue Public Meeting

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing a public meeting to prepare for the third Session of the International Maritime Organization's Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication, and Search and Rescue. The meeting agenda includes, but is not limited to: Additional modules to the Revised Performance Standards for Integrated Navigations Systems relating to the harmonization of bridge design and display of information; Completion of the detailed review of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System; Revised guidelines for preparing plans for cooperation between search and rescue services and passenger ships; and a Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

The meeting will be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the headquarters of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services in Suite 605, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia.

LINKS: Federal Register
Session of the International Maritime Organization’s Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment Public Meeting

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing a public meeting to prepare for the third session of the International Maritime Organization’s Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment. Agenda items include, but are not limited to: Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment related conventions; Development of life safety performance criteria for alternative design and arrangements for fire safety; and Measures for on-board lifting appliances and winches.

The meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the offices of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services, 1611 N. Kent Street, Suite 605, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

2017 Mayor’s Institute on City Design (MICD)

National Education Association (NEA)

Notice seeking applications to administer the Mayors’ Institute on City Design (MICD). MICD brings U.S. mayors together with design professionals in workshops to assist mayors with urban design challenges, to promote design excellence, and to enhance the livability of communities across the country.

Applications are due March 29, 2016. One award is up to $450,000.

Limited Submission: One application per organization.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Award Competitions for Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Centers in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Utah and Vermont

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications to provide manufacturing extension services to primarily small and medium-sized manufacturers within the designated states.

Applications are due April 25, 2016. Approximately 13 awards are available, one for each eligible State. See the funding chart for anticipated award amounts per eligible state. Non-federal cost sharing of at least 50 percent of the total project cost is required. One or more informational webinars will be held approximately 15 to 30 days from the announcement date, with participation information available at http://nist.gov/mep/ffo-state-competitions-03.cfm

LINKS: Grants.gov

Davy Crockett Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service

Notice announcing open meeting of the Davy Crockett Resource Advisory Committee to discuss Title II projects, Stewardship projects and the implications of the Farm Bill.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm CT at the Davy Crockett National Forest Ranger Station, Conference Room, 18551 State Highway 7 East, Kennard, Texas. This meeting is also available via teleconference.

LINKS: Federal Register
DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice announcing open meeting of the DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee to consider how to best protect privacy through the various stages of behavioral analysis while achieving the Department's cybersecurity goals.

The meeting will be held on February 8, 2016, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET at 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW, 4th Floor. The meeting is also available via online forum.

LINKS: Federal Register

Eleven Point Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service

Notice announcing open meeting of the Eleven Point Resource Advisory Committee to review proposed forest management projects and make project recommendations to the Forest Service to be funded through Title II of the Act.

The meeting will be held February 23, 2016 at 6:30 pm CT at the Twin Pines Conservation Education Center, U.S. Highway 60, Route 1, Box 1998, Winona, Missouri.

LINKS: Federal Register

OVW FY 2016 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program

Department of Justice (Justice), Office on Violence Against Women

Notice seeking applications to create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.

Online registration is due February 17, 2016. Letters of registration are requested by February 18, 2016. Applications are due March 10, 2016. Approximately $3.85 million is available to support up to 12 awards for new projects lasting up to 36 months and continuing projects lasting up to 24 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Technical Mapping Advisory Council


Notice announcing open meeting of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council to present and deliberate on the draft content and potential recommendations to be incorporated in the 2016 Review Report (due in April 2016) and the 2016 Annual Report (due in October 2016).

The meeting will be held February 10, 2015 from 8:00 am-5:30 pm ET, and February 11, 2016 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm ET in the auditorium of the United States Geological Survey headquarters building located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance.

LINKS: Federal Register
HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation Request for Nominations for Voting Members

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

Notice seeking nominations to fill vacancies on the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT). The ACOT advises the Secretary on all aspects of organ procurement, allocation, and transplantation, and on other such matters that the Secretary determines.

The agency must receive nominations on a continuous basis.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation; Request for Nominations for Voting Members

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

Notice seeking nominations of qualified candidates to fill expected vacancies on the Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation (ACBSCT). The ACBSCT advises the Secretary and the Administrator, HRSA on matters related to the activities of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (Program) and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program.

The agency will receive nominations on a continuous basis.

LINKS: Federal Register

Announcement Availability of Funds for the College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative

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

Notice seeking applications to disseminate sexual assault policy and prevention information to organizations in position to influence and implement policies and practices at post-secondary schools. The grantee will partner with organizations comprised of leaders and influential persons connected to post-secondary schools. The grantee will provide technical assistance and support to motivate action among the organizations’ members. The grantee will disseminate policy and prevention strategies based on the recommendations from the White House Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault -- Not Alone Campaign, and it’s On Us Campaign.

Letters of intent are requested by February 25, 2016. Applications are due April 8, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support up to 10 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Announcement of Availability of Funds for the Female Genital Cutting (FGC) Community-Centered Health Care and Prevention Project

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

Notice seeking applications to address female genital cutting (FGC) in the U.S. by addressing gaps or problems in the FGC-related health care services for women in the U.S. who have experienced FGC, and addressing prevention of FGC of girls living in the U.S. who are at risk for having the procedure conducted in the U.S. or for being sent to another country to undergo the procedure.

Letters of intent are requested by February 5, 2016. Applications are due April 15, 2016. A technical assistance webinar will be held February 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm, ET. Questions to be answered during the webinar should be submitted by January 28, 2016 to the contact. Approximately $2 million is available to support three to six awards for projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Arthritis Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Arthritis Advisory Committee to discuss biologics license application 125544, for CT-P13, a proposed biosimilar to Janssen Biotech Inc.'s REMICADE, submitted by Celltrion, Inc.

The meeting will be held on February 9, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Building Complex 3-Dimensional in Vitro Human Musculoskeletal and Skin Tissue Models (R43)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)

Notice seeking applications from small businesses to develop novel complex 3-dimensional (3-D) in vitro human musculoskeletal and skin tissue models that fit into the NIAMS mission. These engineered 3-D human tissue or organ models would provide alternatives to animal models of diseases and animal testing, and enable the study of human tissue physiology and disease pathophysiology in vitro and ultimately lead to better therapies that prevent or cure diseases.

Letters of intent are requested by September 18, 2016. Applications are due October 18, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee to discuss, make recommendations, and vote on information related to the premarket approval application for the Absorb GT1 Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS) System sponsored by Abbott Vascular.

The meeting will be held on March 15 and 16, 2016, from 8 am to 6 pm ET at the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, Ballroom, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Federal Awarding Agency Regulatory Implementation of Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Technical Amendments

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing amendments and corrections to HHS regulations regarding Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

See the notice for a full list of corrections and amendments, effective January 20, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register
National Human Genome Research Institute; Notice of Meetings

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Notice announcing open portion of NHGRI meetings to discuss matters of program relevance.

The meetings will take place on February 8, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET; May 16, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET; and September 12, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET at National Institutes of Health, Terrace Level Conference Room, 5635 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

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National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council discuss program policies and issues.

The meeting will be held on February 24, 2016, from 8:30 am to 10:15 am ET at the Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC.

LINKS: Federal Register

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National Mesothelioma Virtual Bank for Translational Research (U24)

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

Notice seeking applications to support the continuation of the National Mesothelioma Virtual Bank for Translational Research. The purpose of the virtual mesothelioma registry and tissue bank is to provide a resource for investigators engaged in mesothelioma research.

Letters of intent are required and due January 31, 2016. Applications are due March 18, 2016. Approximately $5.5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

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Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking four nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP). SACHRP provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, HHS, through the Assistant Secretary for Health on issues pertaining to the continuance and improvement of functions within the authority of HHS directed toward protections for human subjects in research.

Nominations must be received no later than March 21, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register
Imaging and Biomarkers for Early Cancer Detection (U01)

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

Notice seeking applications to: (i) invite researchers to submit collaborative research project (U01) applications to improve cancer screening, early detection of aggressive cancer, assessment of cancer risk and cancer diagnosis aimed at integrating multi-modality imaging strategies and multiplexed biomarker methodologies into a singular complementary approach, and (ii) establish a Consortium for Imaging and Biomarkers (CIB) to perform collaborative studies, exchange information, share knowledge and leverage common resources.

Letters of intent are requested 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due July 11, 2016; December 14, 2016; July 10, 2017; December 11, 2017; July 10, 2018; and December 11, 2018.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Noise-Induced Synaptopathy in the Human Auditory System (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

Notice seeking applications focused on determining if noise-induced cochlear synaptopathy occurs in humans, including diagnosis/detection and determination of functional consequences of such noise-induced damage, among other issues. Program approaches may include, but are not limited to: Behavioral tasks to detect cochlear synaptopathy including validation, sensitivity, specificity and test/retest reliability; Electrophysiological measures including validation, sensitivity, specificity, time efficiency and test/retest reliability; High-resolution, minimally invasive imaging of human auditory structures in vivo; and Computational modeling to make testable predictions for behavioral and physiological responses in animals and humans with synaptopathy, including responses to speech and non-speech stimuli. Multi-disciplinary teams are encouraged to apply. Letters of intent are requested 30 days before the chosen due date. Applications are due by May 24, 2016, and January 24, 2017. Approximately $1.5 million is available per award date to support three awards for each award date.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Oocyte Mitochondrial Function in Relation to Fertility, Aging, and Mitochondrial Diseases (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Notice seeking Exploratory/Development applications to support outstanding research in the area of oocyte mitochondrial function in relation to fertility, aging, and mitochondrial disease transmission to offspring. The overarching goal is to gain fundamental insight into the role of mitochondria and long-term consequences of their dysfunction in the oocyte, and to develop therapeutic or alternative approaches to treat mitochondrial dysfunction for improving oocyte quality and competency, and health of the resultant offspring. Applications are due annually on February 5, June 5, and October 5.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Oocyte Mitochondrial Function in Relation to Fertility, Aging, and Mitochondrial Diseases (R21)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Notice seeking applications to support outstanding research in the area of oocyte mitochondrial function in relation to fertility, aging, and mitochondrial disease transmission to offspring. The overarching goal is to gain fundamental insight into the role of mitochondria and long-term consequences of their dysfunction in the oocyte, and to develop therapeutic or alternative approaches to treat mitochondrial dysfunction for improving oocyte quality and competency, and health of the resultant offspring. Applications are due annually on February 16, June 16, and October 16.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Postmarket Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability

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

Notice seeking comments on the draft guidance “Postmarket Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices”, which informs industry and FDA staff of the Agency's recommendations for identifying, addressing, and monitoring cybersecurity vulnerabilities and exploits for postmarket management of medical devices.

Comments are due by April 21, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews, Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews to discuss current findings from NIOSH dose reconstruction blind reviews; dose reconstruction cases under review, including the Oak Ridge sites, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Savannah River Site; and preparation of the Advisory Board's report summarizing completed dose reconstruction reviews. The meeting will be held via conference call from 10:30 am-5:00 pm, ET, at February 10, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) Meeting

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss preparation of the PCPID 2016 Report to the President, including its contents and format, and related data collection and analysis.

The meeting will be held February 22, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and February 23, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, ET, at HHS/Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Conference Room 800, Washington, DC. To attend via telephone, call 888/469-0957 and enter pass code 8955387.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children to have a panel discussion on Long Term Follow-up activities regarding newborns and children identified with a condition via newborn screening. Presentations may include perspectives from state public health experts, researchers, and providers; share updates from workgroups focused on cost analysis in newborn screening, newborn screening timeliness, and pilot studies for future nominated conditions; and have a discussion on proposed priorities and action items from the three subcommittees (Laboratory Standards and Procedures, Follow-up and Treatment, and Education and Training) to develop a plan for 2016.

The meeting will be held on February 11, 2016 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET and February 12, 2016 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm ET at the National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive Room, Bethesda, MD. The meeting is also available via webinar. All participants must register for the meeting by February 5, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register
Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics: Courses for Skills Development (R25)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Notice seeking applications to conduct advanced level educational activities to complement and/or enhance the ability of workforce to meet biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs related to genomics. Course offerings should be targeted to individuals in careers at the doctoral level and beyond.

Letters of intent are requested 30 days before the application due date. Applications are due May 25, 2016; September 26, 2016; January 25, 2017; May 25, 2017; September 26, 2017; January 25, 2018; May 25, 2018; September 26, 2018; and January 25, 2019.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Cancer Institute Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee to have a strategic discussion of NCI's Clinical and Translational Research Programs.

The virtual meeting will be held on March 9, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The session will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting and Podcasting Web site (http://videocast.nih.gov).

LINKS: Federal Register

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the PubMed Central National Advisory Committee to review and analyze systems.

The meeting will be held on June 7, 2016 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm ET at the National Library of Medicine, Building 38, 2nd Floor, The Lindberg Room, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors to have a program discussion.

Their meeting will be held May 10, 2016 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm ET and from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET at the National Library of Medicine, Building 38, 2nd Floor, The Lindberg Room, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
The Neural Mechanisms of Integrated Emotional and Social Representation (R01 and R21)

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

Notices seeking R01 or R21 applications that incorporate a multi-dimensional perspective into studies of the neural mechanisms underlying emotional and/or social representations. Applications should incorporate innovative approaches designed to move affective and social neuroscience beyond single region-based, modular, and/or static models of brain function and behavior.

Letters of intent are requested by May 3, 2016. Applications are due June 3, 2016. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to eight awards of either type to support R21 projects lasting up to two years or R01 projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: R21 Grants.gov, R01 Grants.gov

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Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (NEHRP) Meeting

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice announcing a meeting of NEHRP scheduled to discuss research and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction as well as updates on NEHRP activities in this area. The final agenda will be posted at http://nehrp.gov/.

The meeting will be held March 3, 2016, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, ET, and March 4, 2016, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, ET, at Heritage Room, Administration Building, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. To attend, pre-register with the contact.

LINKS: Federal Register

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss updates on agency activities related to the field of astronomy and astrophysics and to discuss the Committee's draft annual report.

The meeting will be held February 25, 2016, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, ET via teleconference at National Science Foundation, Room 1060, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. Attendance information will be posted at http://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp.

LINKS: Federal Register

Atomic Clock with Enhanced Stability (ACES)

Department of Defense (Defense), DARPA - Microsystems Technology Office

Notice seeking research proposals for the development of high stability timekeeping instruments with suitably low size, weight, and power (SWaP) to enable widespread deployment in battery-powered portable applications.

Abstracts are strongly recommended by March 1, 2016. Full proposals are due May 1, 2016. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO
Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE)

Notice seeking proposals to support the goal of a secure scientific workflow. These may include local or remote instruments, wireless sensors, software programs, operating systems, database servers, high-performance computing, large-scale storage, and other critical infrastructure connected by high-speed networking.

Proposals are due April 19, 2016. Approximately up to $7 million is available to support up to nine awards.

Limited Submission: Two proposals per organization.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Fiscal Year 2016 Vehicle Technologies Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement

Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

Notice seeking applications to support a broad portfolio of advanced highway transportation technologies that reduce petroleum consumption and greenhouse gas emission, while meeting or exceeding vehicle performance and cost expectations. Projects will focus on reducing the cost and improving the performance of a mix of near-and-long-term vehicle technologies.

Concept papers are required by February 18, 2016. Full applications are due March 28, 2016. Approximately $55.5 million is available to support 27 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Fundamental Limits of Photon Detection (Detect)

Department of Defense (Defense), DARPA - Defense Sciences Office

Notice seeking innovative research proposals in the area of photon detection. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in the modeling and fabrication of photon detectors.

Abstracts are strongly recommended by February 17, 2016. Proposals are due March 29, 2016. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

Industry Partnerships for Cybersecurity of Energy Delivery Systems (CEDS) Research

Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

Notice seeking applications to conduct research, development and demonstrations for next generation tools and technologies that will become widely adopted to enhance and accelerate deployment of cybersecurity capabilities for the U.S energy infrastructure, including cyber secure integration of smart grid technologies.

Applications are due March 22, 2016. Approximately $23 million is available to support up to 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
NEUP Fellowship and Scholarship Support

Department of Energy (Energy), Idaho Field Office

Notice seeking applications for multiple cooperative agreements to accredited U.S. two- and four-year colleges and universities to receive and administer scholarship and fellowship funding—provided through the Integrated University Program (IUP) and as administered by the Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE)—on behalf of selected students attending these universities. The selection of students for the program will occur via a separate DOE-NE process.

Applications are accepted continuously through January 31, 2021. Approximately up to $5 million is expected each fiscal year.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Neural Engineering System Design (NESD)

Department of Defense (Defense), DARPA - Biological Technologies Office

Notice seeking proposals to design, build, demonstrate, and validate a neural interface system capable of recording from more than one million neurons and stimulating more than one hundred thousand neurons in proposer-defined regions of the human sensory cortex (e.g., visual cortex or auditory cortex). The complete system must demonstrate high-precision detection, transduction, and encoding of neural activity.

Abstracts are required by February 25, 2016. Proposals are due April 14, 2016. Multiple awards expected.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

Neural Engineering System Design (NESD) Proposer's Day

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing Proposers Day for the potential proposer community in advance of a planned Broad Agency Announcement for the Neural Engineering System Design (NESD) Program. The Proposers Days objectives are to introduce the science and technology community (industry, academia, and government) to the NESD program vision and goals; facilitate interaction between investigators that may have capabilities to develop elements of interest and relevance to NESD goals; and encourage and promote teaming arrangements among organizations that have the relevant expertise, research facilities and capabilities for executing research and development responsive to the NESD program goals.

The Proposers Days will be held on February 2-3, 2016 at The Westin Gateway Hotel, 801 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Advanced registration is required by January 28, 2016.

LINKS: FBO

Next Generation Rotorcraft Transmission (NGRT)

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals to develop and demonstrate a multi-speed drive system for future and current fleet vertical lift aircraft.

Proposals are due March 21, 2016. Approximately $16 million is available to support multiple awards from FY 16 to FY 21.

LINKS: FBO notice
Pre-Project Planning for Advanced Combustion Pilot Plants

Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

Notice seeking applications to complete preliminary designs of pilot plants based on advanced combustion systems. Pilot plants will be designed including identification of basic technology elements, integration requirements, identification of a host site, and cost and schedule requirements associated with the construction and operation of the pilots. The pilots will be at least 10 Megawatts electrical in scale or equivalent and contain essential design features to be assessed at the pilot scale prior to subsequent commercial-scale demonstration.

Applications are due March 22, 2016. Approximately $10 million is expected for up to four awards. At least 20% non-federal cost share of the total allowable costs must be provided.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Software Infrastructure for Sustained Innovation - SSE & SSI

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals for Scientific Software Elements (SSE) awards and Scientific Software Integration (SSI) awards. SSE awards are for small groups that will create and deploy software elements for which there is a demonstrated need and which will advance one or more significant areas of science and engineering. SSI awards are meant for larger, interdisciplinary teams organized around the development and application of common software infrastructure aimed at solving common research problems faced by NSF researchers in one or more areas of science and engineering. SSI awards should result in a sustainable community software framework serving a diverse community or communities.

SSE proposals are due April 26, 2016 and February 21, 2017. SSI proposals are due September 19, 2016 and September 19, 2017. Approximately $5 million is available to support up to 10 SSE awards and approximately $12.5 million is available to support up to 12 SSI awards. An individual may participate as PI, co-PI or other Senior Personnel in at most one full proposal in the pair of SSE and SSI competitions that occurs in a given calendar year.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

State Energy Program 2016 Competitive Awards

Department of Energy (Energy), Golden Field Office

Notice seeking applications to advance policies, programs, and market strategies that accelerate job creation, reduce energy consumption, and help achieve energy and climate security for the nation.

Applications are due March 31, 2016. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to five awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Wildlife Sustainability

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice seeking proposals to conduct research in three topic areas: 1) Distribution of wildlife species in the United States and susceptibility of these species to high consequence foreign animal diseases, as well as zoonotic diseases; 2) Vector competence of North American arthropod species and reservoir competence of North American wildlife species for High Consequence or Transboundary Foreign Animal Diseases; 3) Other diseases of wildlife with economic importance to agriculture or aquaculture. Applicants may address one or more topic areas but must submit a separate proposal for each.

Proposals are due February 19, 2016.

LINKS: FBO Notice
Plasma Combined Mass-Flux and Gas Species Sensor For Hypersonic Combustion Monitoring

Department of Defense (Defense), Navy (Navy), Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC)

Notice seeking proposals for research on an existing sensor that utilizes a small contained amount of ionized gas to simultaneously measure mass-flux and gas species in high-speed, high-enthalpy flows that are endemic of hypersonic flight and SCRAM-jet propulsion. Funds support projects to use the sensor's optical emission measurements simultaneously with mass-flux and/or pressure in a combined sensor suite.

Applications are due by February 29, 2016. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR)

Notice seeking applications recognizing individuals and organizations for their mentoring of persons from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, women, persons with disabilities, and persons from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds in STEM related issues. Individuals and organizations in all public and private sectors are eligible, including academia.

Applications are due by June 17, 2016. Approximately $160,000 is available to support 16 awards between the individual and organizational categories.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Proposal Review Panel for Ocean Sciences

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Proposal Review Panel for Ocean Sciences to Review the Center for Dark Biosphere Investigations Science and Technology Center and conduct several sessions open to the public, including: Center Overview; Education, Outreach, and Diversity; Data Management and Integration; Interactive Discussion with Review Team; Lunch-Review Team Discussion with Students/Postdocs; EAB Report; Field-based Research; Lab-based Research; Modeling-based Research; Summary and Q&A; and Poster Session.

The meeting will be held February 9, 2016, at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

LINKS: Federal Register

Rapid Hypersonic Trajectory Planning to Support High Speed System Design

Department of Defense (Defense), Navy (Navy), Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC)

Notice seeking proposals for research maturation of applied optimization theory within an integrated hypersonic trajectory and vehicle design tool to support the long term development of high speed strike systems for the Navy. Funds support the development of a tool that would enable a wide range of analyses including optimal performance under nominal conditions, robust path-planning across a wide range of dispersions, and vehicle-level technology trades to support technology development programs, as well as rapidly characterize vehicle capabilities and identify vehicle limitations that negatively impact mission level goals.

Proposals are due by February 29, 2016. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Support of Fossil Energy Research at U.S. Colleges and Universities Including University Coach Research and Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions

Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory

Notice providing plans to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), number DE-FOA-0001488 titled Support of Fossil Energy Research at U.S. Colleges and Universities Including University Coach Research (UCR) and Research by Historically Black Colleges (HBCU) and Universities and Other Minority Institutions (OMI).

The FOA will be available February 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences to provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to mathematical and physical sciences programs and activities.

The meeting will be held on February 5, 2016 from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm ET at the National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. The meeting is also available via webinar.

LINKS: Federal Register

Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing open teleconference of the Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee to discuss the consolidated report incorporating the five subcommittee reports, which addresses the research and future direction of the Office of Research and Development's National Research Programs. The five subcommittees are: Air, Climate and Energy; Chemical Safety for Sustainability and Human Health Risk Assessment; Homeland Security; Safe and Sustainable Water Resources; and Sustainable and Healthy Communities.

The teleconference will be held on February 8, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET. Advance registration is required. Registration for participating via teleconference closes February 4, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture (NLGCA)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice seeking applications to assist NLGCA institutions in maintaining and expanding the capacity to conduct education, research, and outreach activities relating to agriculture, renewable resources, and other similar disciplines.

Applications are due April 22, 2016. Approximately $4.65 million is available to support awards ranging from up to $30,000 to up to $750,000 depending on project type. Eligibility is limited to Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture as certified by NIFA.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering: Notice of Meeting

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering to study data, programs, policies, and other information pertinent to the National Science Foundation and to provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

The meeting will be held on February 25, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm ET and February 26, 2016 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm ET at the National Science Foundation (NSF), 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) 2016 at NASA John C. Stennis Center

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), NASA Stennis Space Center (SSC)

Notice seeking responses from potential partners to jointly develop technology that meets specific NASA needs at SSC in the following areas of interest: rocket testing technology; helium recovery technology; nuclear thermal propulsion system testing; innovative thermal materials; energy harvesting; and improvement of SSC facilities.

Notices of intent are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until September 30, 2016. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. Awards ranging from $20,000 to $50,000 are available to support projects lasting up to 12 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Meeting for Software Developers on the Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection and Event Reporting

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing open meeting to discuss the Common Formats. This meeting is designed as an interactive forum where software developers and PSOs can provide input on the formats. AHRQ especially requests participation by and input from those entities which have used AHRQ's technical specifications and implemented, or plan to implement, the formats electronically.

The meeting will be held on Friday, April 15, 2016 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Ad Hoc Task Force on Big Data; Meeting

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss NASA's science data cyber-infrastructure; access to NASA science mission data repositories; big data best practices in government, academia and industry; and federal big data initiatives.

The meeting will be held February 16, 2016, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, ET, at NASA Headquarters, Glennan Conference Center, Room 1Q39, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC. To attend via teleconference, call 800/988-9663 and enter passcode 4718658. To attend via WebEx, visit https://nasa.webex.com/ and enter meeting number 999 765 122 and the password BigD@T@16.

LINKS: Federal Register
NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Planetary Science Subcommittee; Meeting

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council for the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

The meeting will be held March 9, 2016 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET and March 10, 2016 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET at NASA Headquarters, Room 5H41, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

NE Traineeship for Radiochemistry

Department of Energy (Energy), Idaho Field Office

Notice seeking applications for a Traineeship Program to enhance the training of graduate students in specific disciplines or sub-disciplines aligned with DOE STEM workforce needs in the area of radiochemistry.

Letters of intent are requested by February 15, 2016. Applications are due March 28, 2016. Approximately up to $3 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Notification of a Public Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Science Advisory Board Environmental Economics Advisory Committee to review the EPA’s proposed methodology for updating its mortality risk valuation estimates for policy analysis.

The meeting will be held on March 7, 2016 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET and on March 8, 2016 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm ET at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA

LINKS: Federal Register

Wetlands Mitigation Banking Program

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

Notice seeking applications from entities who propose to develop wetland mitigation banks and market mitigation credits as an option for farmers and ranchers needing to comply with the Farm Bill’s wetland compliance provisions to maintain eligibility for USDA programs.

Applications are due March 28, 2016. Approximately $9 million is available to support 20 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation