SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO

• THE BOARD OF REGENTS and the U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: DOE EPSCoR Request for Proposals Issued

Notices of Intent due: March 5, 2014

Last day for questions and answers about this RFP: March 6, 2011

Proposals due (Submitted through LOGAN) : March 11, 2014

The purpose of this RFP is to announce an open competition to university faculty at Louisiana institutions of higher education in order to select a single, statewide proposal to DOE EPSCoR. DOE EPSCoR is a federal-state partnership program designed to enhance the capabilities of designated states and territories to conduct sustainable and nationally competitive energy-related research. DOE EPSCoR supports the DOE’s overarching mission by supporting basic and applied research and development across a wide range of non-defense topical across the Department, including but not restricted to: Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences, Biological and Environmental Research, Fusion Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, and Nuclear Physics in the Office of Science; and may support research from other DOE Program Offices, including but not limited to: the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy; the Energy Information Administration; the Office of Environmental Management; the Office of Fossil Energy; the Office of Legacy Management; non-defense needs of the National Nuclear Security Administration; and the Office of Nuclear Energy.

Links: Announcement

• THE BOARD OF REGENTS and THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: EPSCoR RII Track-1 Notices of Intent due 2/24/14

LA ESPCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) request for proposals, which solicits proposals for multi-institutional research initiatives in advanced materials and manufacturing. Proposers may request up to $4 million annually for a period of five years. Notices of Intent are required and are due on February 24, 2014; proposals are due on April 10, 2014.

Links: Announcement

ARTS, HUMANITIES and INTERNATIONAL

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Global Health Bureau (GH); Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition (HIDN): Emerging Pandemic Threats Program

Notice seeking comments on a draft program description for three planned new activities, Pandemic Influenza and Other Emerging Threats Program - PREDICT 2; Prepare and Respond; One Health Workforce. Comments are due February 26, 2014.

Links: PREDICT-2 Grants.gov

Prepare and Respond Grants.gov

One Health Workforce Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of State (DoS); Office of Export Control Cooperation: Foundations of a Strategic Trade Control System for Kosovo

Notice seeking proposals for assisting the Government of Kosovo (GOK) in laying the foundations for a functioning strategic trade control system that meets international standards. Applications are due February 21, 2014. Approximately $85,000 is available in support. Applications that include additional in-kind and/or cash contributions from third party sources will be more competitive.

Links: Solicitation Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• U.S. Department of Education (ED); Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services

Notice seeking applications to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early intervention, related services, and regular education to work with children, including infants and toddlers, with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research and experience, to be successful in serving those children. Applications are due April 8, 2014. Approximately up to $250,000 is available for each award. Nine awards expected for Focus Area A; 13 for Focus Area B; nine for Focus Area C; 19 for Focus Area D.

Links: Solicitation

Preparing Personnel in Minority Institutions of Higher Education to Serve Children, Including Infants and Toddlers, with Disabilities Grants.gov

Preparing Personnel to Provide Related Services to Children, Including Infants and Toddlers, with Disabilities CFDA 84.325K-3 Grants.gov

Preparing Personnel to Serve School-Age Children with Low Incidence Disabilities CFDA Number 84.325K-2 Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); National Institute of Justice (NJ): Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Teen Dating Violence, Sexual Violence, and Intimate Partner Violence FY 2014

Notice seeking applications for funding of research and evaluation related to violence against women in the areas of teen dating violence, sexual violence, and intimate partner violence. Research proposed may be focused at the state, local, tribal, federal, juvenile justice policy and/or practice level. Applications are due May 12, 2014. Approximately $3.85 million is available to support multiple awards for three years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Transportation (DoT); Federal Highway Administration (FHA): Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program

Notice seeking applications to 1) to attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation, 2) to enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees, and, 3) to retain top talent in the transportation industry of the United States. Questions are due by February 17, 2014. Applications are due March 10, 2014. Approximately $5,000 to $100,000 per grantee is available. 76 awards are anticipated.

Links: Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Longitudinal Study of a Population-based Cohort

Notice seeking applications proposing research on lupus through a longitudinal study designed to follow an established, US-based, population-based cohort with lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and skin lupus) of all ages to determine over time: the treatment, health care access, and natural history (severity, morbidity, mortality, etc.) of cohort members. Factors (including genetic and other biological factors such as antibody levels) associated with these outcomes. Requested letters of intent are due Mar 3, 2014. Applications are due March 31, 2014. Approximately $3 million is available to support three awards in FY 14.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Community Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases (CARs)

Notice seeking applications to promote sexual health, advance community wellness, influence sexual health behavior and practices, and reduce STI disparities. Requested Letters of intent are due March 17, 2014. Applications are due April 10, 2014. Approximately $2.25 million is available to support up to three awards. This announcement is only for non-research domestic activities supported by CDC.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health: Announcement of Availability of Funds for Teenage Pregnancy Prevention: Research and Demonstration Programs (Tier 2) Community Collaborative Academy

Notice seeking to work with three to five communities with high teen pregnancy rates to develop innovative strategies for preventing teen pregnancy in populations/areas with demonstrated need. These could include high-risk, vulnerable, and culturally under-represented youth populations, and/or youth residing in areas with high birth or teen pregnancy rates. The successful applicant is expected to bring together a team in each selected community made up of representatives from various sectors to develop a strategy or prevention framework to address teen pregnancy prevention in their individual community. A technical assistance webinar is scheduled for February 20, 2014. Requested letters of intent are due March 21, 2014. Applications are due April 24, 2014. Approximately $890,000 is available to support one award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS): Cooperative Agreement for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health (HBCU-CFE)

Notice seeking to continue to enhance the effort to network the 105 HBCUs throughout the United States to promote behavioral health, expand campus service capacity, and facilitate workforce development through the development of an HBCU- Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health (HBCU-CFE). Behavioral health problems to be focused on include substance abuse or misuse, alcohol and drug addiction, serious psychological distress, suicide, and mental and substance use disorders. Proposals are due April 7, 2014. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one
award. Nationally recognized HBCUs or a consortium of HBCUs with a lead college/university are eligible to apply.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

• National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Engineering: Broadening Participation in Engineering

Notice seeking proposals for two tracks: 1. The BPE Opportunity Track (BPE-OT) establishes mentoring, networking, and other career development opportunities for anyone intending to pursue or already employed as an early career engineering faculty member. This track includes projects for developing graduate student pathways to the doctorate, and through that, to post-doctoral and faculty positions. 2. BPE Strategy Track (BPE-ST) projects should explore, develop and implement research-based strategies that promote a more diverse engineering workforce. Proposals have a target date of May 1, 2014. PIs are strongly encouraged to speak to a cognizant program officer to obtain guidance.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Science Foundation (NSF); Directorate for Geosciences (GEO); Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences: CubeSat-based Science Missions for Geospace and Atmospheric Research

Notice seeking proposals to support the development, construction, launch, operation, and data analysis of small satellite science missions to advance geospace and atmospheric research. Proposals are due May 12, 2014. Approximately $600,000 annually is available to support two awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); National Ocean Service (NOS): National Estuarine Research Reserve System Collaborative Science Program

Notice seeking applications from an organization or group of organizations to manage an applied research program that funds individual, extramural projects that are problem-focused and actively engage intended users in the definition and scoping of the management and research questions to be addressed. Proposed research projects should aim to improve understanding of the impacts of human activities on coasts and estuaries. The interactions between scientists and intended users of the science will be maintained continuously through the collaborative research enterprise. Applications are due March 31, 2014. Approximately $4 million is available in support for FY 14. Five awards are expected.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Air Force Research Lab (AFRL): Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Tungsten Rhenium Wire Production Sustainment Project

Notice seeking applications from sources capable of efficiently and cost effectively manufacturing a high yielding, reliable and reproducible tungsten - 3% rhenium wire meeting DoD and commercial Microwave Tube (MWT) Industry standards for use in vacuum tube electronics. Applications due March 31, 2014. Eligibility is unrestricted.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Air Force Research Lab (AFRL); U.S. Army Contracting Command: Cyber Security Applied Research & Experimentation Partner

Notice seeking an Applied Research and Experimentation Partner (AR&EP) for the Cyber CRA. The partner will 1) Research and develop new and innovative approaches and processes to evolve basic (6.1) research results to experimental validation, etc; and 2) Perform applied research into innovative approaches to sufficiently represent the complexity of the Army's cyber domain, its dynamics, and cyber security events in testbeds; and 3) Join and participate in the Cyber CRA as a Consortium member organization and collaborate with the Cyber CRA researchers on the 6.1 (basic) research. An Informational webinar will be held on February 18, 2014. Required white papers are due March 5, 2014. Eligibility is unrestricted.

Links: Solicitation, FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Interior (Dol); National Park Services (NPS): 2014 Youth Interns: Interpretation and Resource Management Interns

Notice seeks applications for a project that will provide three approximately 12 week interns to the park. The start dates will be staggered starting approximately May 19, 2014, July 1, 2014 and September 2, 2014. The grantees will provide the NPS with Nationwide recruitment capabilities and the ability for the NPS to select which interns will serve at the site. A statement of interest is due February 18, 2014. Approximately $17,160 is available in support.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

STATE and REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Charles River Natural Valley Storage Project Boundary Maintenance Program LINK: Grants.gov
• Youth Crew - Stoll Trail Rehabilitation July 2014

Links: Grants.gov

• Youth Crew - Stoll Trail Rehabilitation July 2014

Links: Grants.gov