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• U.S. Agency for International Development: USAID/Vietnam Request for Information (RFI) on Healthy Markets Activity
  Notice seeking responses on the above concept paper which is intended to contribute to the prevention of new HIV infections among the most at risk populations in Vietnam. The expected program will include a network of complementary partners to bring about changes. Specifically, USAID is interested in comments on the feasibility of the concept paper’s described technical approach, time frame, private sector partnership requirements, and cost-share ratio, within the Vietnamese context. Responses are due April 11, 2013, 3:00 P.M. Local time, Bangkok, Thailand and should be no more than 10 pages. Approximately $15 million is available to support one award. Responses should be emailed to all three contacts below.

• U.S. Agency for International Development; Mexico USAID-Mexico City: Workforce Development Program in Mexico
  Notice seeking applications to support Mexican initiatives at a systemic level to increase labor market skills acquisition among youth, adapt upper- and post-secondary education and training programs to labor market needs, and increase portability of skills across the education, training and labor market systems. Questions are due March 26, 2013. Applications are due April 30, 2013. Approximately up to $4 million is available to support one award. Eligibility is unrestricted.

• U.S. Department of Labor; Bureau of International Labor Affairs: Global Capacity Building
  Notice that ILAB intends to award, through a competitive and merit-based process, one or more cooperative agreements to implement a multi-country technical assistance project(s) to expand the knowledge base on child labor through data collection and analysis and updates on country-level statistics covering child work and education. The solicitation for grant applications will be published on or about April 15, 2013 (date subject to change).

• U.S. Department of State; Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: Creative Arts Exchange
  Notice seeking applications create partnerships through artistic collaboration and professional development that enrich both the international participants and the Americans with whom they meet. Applications are due May 6, 2013. Approximately $1.955 million is available to support four to five awards. Organizations with less than four years’ experience in conducting international exchanges are ineligible to apply under this competition. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Eligible applicants may not submit more than one proposal under this competition.

• U.S. Department of State; Bureau of Middle Eastern Affairs; Office of Middle East Partnership Initiative: Strengthening Political Leadership & Reducing Economic Barriers for Women in the MENA Region
  Notice seeking applications for funding to strengthen women’s political participation and support advocacy for legislative or regulatory reforms that reduce economic barriers for women. Applicants can propose to work in one or more of the following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, West Bank/Gaza, and/or Yemen. Applications must address only one of the priority areas listed in the solicitation. Applications are due April 22, 2013. Approximately $10 million is available to support six to eight awards. Awards are estimated to range between $250,000 and $1.5 million for a 12 to 36 month project period. Non-competitive continuation grants are possible. Applicants must have experience in the Middle East North Africa region. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Applicants may submit only one application to this announcement.

• U.S. Department of State; Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs: Management of a Youth Exchange Program for Central and South Asian Youth- Camp Future Stars, Turkey, August 2013
  Notice seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement to coordinate logistics associated with administering a youth exchange program for Central and South Asian youth from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan from May 2013 through September 2013, for a camp that will take place for two weeks in August 2013. Proposals are due April 19, 2013. Approximately up to $425,000 is available to support one award. Non-profit organizations with direct experience in youth exchange programs in Central and South Asia are eligible.
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• U.S. Department of State; Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs: Traditional Leaders Trip to the United States

Notice seeking proposals to send a select group of Afghan High Peace Council (HPC) members and other Afghan traditional leaders to the United States to increase their understanding of American society and values and to see how religious pluralism works in the United States. The program should include visits to Muslim-American communities, experiences with Afghan-American and Muslim life in America first-hand, meetings with organizations dedicated to reconciliation and conflict resolution, and the viewing of examples of American civil society working to improve local communities. Proposals are due May 24, 2013. Approximately up to $500,000 is available to support one award. Non-profit organizations with direct experience in organizing familiarization trips to the United States, and a proven track record of success implementing similar projects are eligible.


• U.S. Department of State; U.S. Mission to Georgia: University Research Program

Notice seeking proposals for a one to two year project to improve the standards of Georgian academic research in Georgian universities and educational institutes, and to encourage greater interaction between Georgian academic researchers, civil society, and government policy-makers. Proposals are due May 1, 2013. Approximately $250,000 is available in support for one to two years. Applicants must have demonstrated expertise in teaching research and academic writing skills; in mentoring researchers (in preparing an article/thesis/dissertation); in teaching academic English (optional); and in developing research library capacity (optional). Knowledge of the Georgian higher education system and established relationships with Georgian universities and educational organizations will be favorably considered. Applications that include additional in-kind and/or cash contributions from non-U.S. Government sources will be more competitive, since cost-sharing demonstrates a strong commitment to planned activities.


EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• Executive Office of the President; Office of Management and Budget: Reform of Federal Policies Relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements (Including Single Audit Act)

Notice that the Office of Management and Budget is extending the comment period for the Proposed Guidance on Reform of Federal Policies Relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements (Including Single Audit Act) published on February 1, 2013. The original comment period was scheduled to end on May 2, 2013. Comments must be received by OMB electronically through www.regulations.gov docket OMB-2013-0001 by June 2, 2013. Docket OMB-2013-0001 also includes the full text of this proposal as well as supporting materials.


• U.S. Department of Commerce; Economic Development Administration and National Institute of Standards and Technology U.S. Department of Labor; Employment and Training Administration: The Make it in America Challenge

Notice seeking applications that will provide the critical infrastructure, strategic planning, capacity building, technical assistance, and workforce development resources that will help American communities to be the desired home for more businesses. Applications are due May 31, 2013. Approximately $40 million is available to 15 awards. Colleges and universities are eligible to serve as partners.


• U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Bureau of Justice Assistance: BJA FY 13 Smart Policing Initiative Training and Technical Assistance Program

Notice seeking applications to select one provider to deliver, nationwide, a wide range of training and technical assistance (TTA) services to agencies participating in the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI). These services include, but are not limited to, training sessions and educational sessions developed and conducted by relevant subject matter experts, onsite or remote guidance on problem analysis, solution development, policing theory, evaluation methodology, and other matters relevant to the purposes of the SPI program. SPI agencies will leverage this TTA solicited through this competitive grant announcement to implement solutions to chronic crime problems. Applications are due May 2, 2013. Approximately up to $750,000 is available to support one award.


• U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Bureau of Justice Assistance: BJA FY 13 Answering Gideon's Call: National Assistance to Improve the Effectiveness of Right to Counsel Services

Notice seeking applications for grant funding to improve the quality of indigent defense delivery services guided by the Ten Principles of a Public Defense Delivery System, promulgated by the American Bar Association in 2002. BJA is seeking applicants that will engage in a broad range of activities to improve the quality of representation of indigent defendants and ensure professional and ongoing technical assistance to the indigent defense bar. This program is funded under the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program), which helps communities improve the functioning and capacity of state and local criminal justice systems. Applications are due May 6, 2013. Approximately $720,000 is available to support one award for a 3-year period. Partnerships are encouraged.

Notice seeking applications for a study of the use of funds on substance abuse and related aftercare services by the Department of Justice under the RSAT Program, currently managed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Applications are due May 31, 2013. Approximately up to $400,000 is available to support one award. Eligibility is unrestricted.


Notice seeking applications to support NJ tribal data collections, expand the body of policy-relevant research that uses these data, and enhance or inform NJU’s tribal crime and criminal justice portfolio. Fellows are expected to perform a number of activities to include drafting reports suitable for publication by NJU and summarizing the results and policy implications of their research and tenure at NJU. Fellows funded under this program will be based in Washington, D.C., and work in residency at NJU for the duration of the award period. Applications are due May 20, 2013. Approximately up to $150,000 each is available to support up to two fellowships. Ideal applicants are U.S. citizens who have received a doctorate within the last five years (or by the fellowship start date) from a research-based program relevant to the mission of NJU.


Notice seeking applications for funding to: perform DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples; assist efforts of states and units of local government to identify missing persons; enter any relevant case information related to unidentified remains into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NMS). Applications are due May 15, 2013. Approximately up to $400,000 is available to support one award.


Notice seeks applications for funding to coordinate and implement a National Intertribal Youth Leadership which will engage youth and youth-serving programs in efforts to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors in youth, schools, communities, and families. The initiative will create a series of national and regional Intertribal Youth Leadership Development gatherings and a range of related culturally affirming youth leadership development opportunities for Native American and Alaska Native youth and tribal youth-serving programs. Applications are due May 20, 2013. Approximately up to $850,000 is available to support one award for a period of 48 months.

**U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: CJJD P FY2013 Model Programs Guide**

Notice seeks applicants to develop and expand content for CJJD P’s Model Programs Guide (MPG.) MPG provides an online resource for practitioners and policymakers of evidence-based juvenile justice programs and practices. The successful applicant will expand the number of programs reviewed and the types of evidence-based information available in MPG in adherence to the standards, criteria, and processes that have been established for the CrimeSolutions.gov Web site. An existing Office of Justice Programs contractor will host and maintain the MPG website and CrimeSolutions.gov program database. Applications are due May 20, 2013. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award for a one year project period and may extend the award for up to $400,000 per year for up to four additional years.


**U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Cooperative Landscape Conservation**

Notice seeks applications for project funding addressing at least one of the following themes: Identifying and integrating objectives for waterfowl habitat, waterfowl populations, and people; Identifying regional themes and needs across State Wildlife Action Plans in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes region; Incorporating impacts of future climate and socioeconomic drivers into the fish habitat condition assessment in the Midwest; Identifying or developing a hierarchical geographic framework and conservation targets for Upper Midwest and Great Lakes regional landscape conservation design; Understanding needs and best practices for effective information transfer between science and management communities. Applications are due April 19, 2013. Projects may last up to one year The UMGLCC may have up to $900,000 to distribute to projects in 2013. Individual project budgets in past funding cycles have ranged from $30,000 to $200,000 per year are not limited to these values.

**Links:** Grants.gov notice http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=227841

**HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis Prevention, Public Health Conference Support**

Notice seeking applications to increase knowledge of HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis among public health professionals and service providers and representatives of the population groups at greatest risk for these diseases. Letters of intent are optional and due April 7, 2013. Applications are due April 30, 2013. Approximately $300,000 is available to support up to six awards for one year. Cost sharing or matching funds are required for this program. Matching funds must be no less than 51 percent of the total conference cost.

**Links:** Grants.gov notice http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=227354

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Public Health Conference Support Program**

Notice seeking applications for one-year conference support to provide partial funding for conferences focused on environmental health issues. Conferences must occur between June 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014. Letters of intent are requested by April 15, 2013. Applications are due May 2, 2013. Approximately $200,000 is available to support four to eight awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Eligible applicants can submit only one application.

**Links:** Grants.gov notice http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=227473

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Promoting, Strengthening and Enhancing Disease Prevention by Collaboration with Targeted Stakeholders**

Notice seeking applications to provide support for 1) the use of social media to promote and maintain accurate information about vaccines among stakeholders and the general public, 2) the education of USDA/ WIC staff about the latest vaccine recommendation and vaccine access points to facilitate vaccination referrals to WIC participants and 3) the education of elementary school students as well as their parents and teachers to increase awareness about the seriousness of influenza and the importance of annual vaccination among these audiences, and as a result increase vaccination uptake. Applications are due June 5, 2013. Approximately $1.6 million is available to support two awards.

**Links:** Grants.gov notice http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=227657

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—Health Disparities Subcommittee**

Notice announcing a public meeting to provide advice on strategic and other health disparities and health equity issues and provide guidance on opportunities for CDC. Scheduled agenda: HDS members will discuss CDC’s health equity work in the environmental health and developmental disabilities areas, as well as discuss health equity recommendations. The meeting will take place on April 24, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. ET. This meeting is also available by teleconference, Dial 877/496-4855 and enter code 436356.

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• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Center for Environmental Health: Developing Research Capacity to Assess Health Effects Associated with Volcanic Emissions and other Environmental Exposures (R01)

Notice seeking applications to support research activities aimed towards the understanding of: Exposures to volcanic emissions and other environmental pollutants experienced by residents through the collection and interpretation of air data; Health effects experienced by Hawaiian Island residents through the implementation of health studies and the analysis, and interpretation of the data; The relationship between volcanic emissions and other environmental exposures and their impact on health conditions such as respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Applications are due May 15, 2013. Approximately $900,000 is available to support one award. Eligibility is limited to a public university that has experience and expertise in collecting air monitoring data on volcanic emissions and that has also established partnerships with impacted communities living in close proximity to the active volcanoes on the Hawaiian Island. The principal investigator must demonstrate an established working relationship with the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) in addressing environmental health concerns from volcanic emissions as well as a strong relationship with leaders and residents of communities impacted by volcanic emissions.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Food & Drug Administration: Pediatric Device Consortia Grant Program (P50)

Notice seeking applications to facilitate the development, production, and distribution of pediatric medical devices. FDA will provide grants to consortia which provide expert advising and support services to innovators of children's devices. These services should include business and regulatory consulting, as well as device testing capabilities. This program is intended to further the development of multiple pediatric devices; thus, grants are not awarded to support the development of a single device project. Applications are due June 1, 2013. Approximately $3 million is available to support four to five awards. Applicants requesting $500,000 or more in direct costs in any year (excluding consortium Facilities & Administrative costs/ F&A) must contact FDA program staff at least 6 weeks before submitting the application.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Medical Policy Council

Notice seeking request for suggestions, recommendations, and comments for topics from interested parties, including academic institutions, regulated industry, patient representatives, and other interested organizations, on medical policy issues that may be considered by the CDER Medical Policy Council in FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Comments are due July 16, 2013. Comments may be submitted electronically to http://www.regulations.gov or written to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-301), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Office of Research Infrastructure Programs: Development of Animal Models and Related Biological Materials for Research (R21)

Notice seeking applications that propose to develop, characterize or improve animal models for human disease or to improve diagnosis and control of diseases that might interfere with animal use for biomedical research purposes. Applications are due February 16, June 16, and October 16 annually. Awards are up to $275,000 over two years. Program expires May 8, 2016.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Cancer Institute: NCI Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (NCI Omnibus R21)

Notice seeking applications that supports the development of new research activities in all areas of cancer research. The R21 mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of cancer research (biomedical, behavioral, or clinical). Applications are due June 28, 2013; October 28, 2013; February 28, 2014; June 27, 2014; October 28, 2014; February 27, 2015; and June 29, 2015. Awards are up to $275,000 over two years. Program expires September 5, 2015.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: Cooperative Centers on Human Immunology (U19)

Notice seeking applications for grant funding to support hypothesis-testing, mechanistic studies on the activation and regulation of human immune responses in the context of infectious disease. Letters of intent are optional and due June 28, 2013. Applications are due July 29, 2013. Approximately $20 million is available to support six to seven awards. Applicants may request no more than $1.75 million in direct costs per year.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering**: NIH Biomedical Technology Resource Centers (P41)

Notice seeking applications for Biomedical Technology Resource Centers (BTRCs) that are funded using the P41 mechanism. BTRCs conduct research and development on new technologies that are driven by the needs of basic, translational, and clinical researchers. BTRCs also make their technologies available, train members of the research community in the use of the technologies, and disseminate these technologies broadly. Letters of intent are requested and due six weeks prior to the due date. Applications are due January 25, May 25, and June 25, annually. Program expires January 8, 2014.


**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Aging**: Board of Scientific Counselors, NIA

Notice announcing the meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors that will be open to the public (as indicated) for committee discussion, individual presentations, and laboratory overview. The open portions of the meeting are scheduled for May 14, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; and May 15, 2013 at 9:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. The meetings will be held at National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Blvd., 3rd Floor, Conference Room 3C227, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Links: Federal Register notice https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/03/19/2013-06244/national-institute-on-aging NOTICE OF MEETING

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**: Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS

Notice seeking applications for research grants intended to: highlight the role of alcohol in HIV infection and transmission in order to identify and apply appropriate alcohol and HIV interventions as public health measures; to more fully understand and prevent the progression of HIV disease in the presence of continued alcohol exposure; and to develop operational research frameworks for addressing the occurrence and persistence of infections in high-risk populations (e.g. minority women, young gay men, etc.), and translate findings into effective, culturally appropriate preventive and treatment interventions for these targeted populations. R01 applications are due annually on February 5, June 5 and October 5 through May 8, 2016. R03 and R21 applications are due annually on February 16, June 16 and October 16 through May 8, 2016.


**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Drug Abuse**: Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS (R01)

Notice seeking applications for innovative research projects that have the potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers. Letters of intent are requested and due July 1, 2013. Applications are due August 1, 2013. Approximately $2 million is available to support two to three awards in FY 2014.


**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS**

**National Science Foundation**: Advisory Committee for Geosciences

Notice announcing a public meeting to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for geosciences research and education. The agenda includes Directorate and NSF activities and plans, Division Subcommittee Meetings, Meeting with the Acting Director, Discussion of Expeditions in Education and other NSF Education Programs, Briefing on South Pole Research and Operations, and Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and April 12, 2013, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at National Science Foundation, Stafford I, Room 1235, 4201Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Links: Federal Register notice https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/03/19/2013-06223/advisory-committee-for-geosciences NOTICE OF MEETING

**U.S. Department of Agriculture; National Institute of Food and Agriculture**: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food Security

Notice seeking applications increase agricultural productivity and the availability and accessibility of safe and nutritious food. This RFA focuses attention on managing losses in pre-and post-harvest production and understanding the nature of loss throughout the whole food system (production, harvesting, storage, processing, distribution, and consumption). Reducing Crop and Livestock Losses Program Area: Letters of intent are required and due April 29, 2013. Food Security Conference or Workshop: Letters of intent are encouraged and due April 29, 2013. Applications are due July 17, 2013. Approximately $5 million is available in support. Conference grants are up to $50,000.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture; National Institute of Food and Agriculture:** AgrAbility and Youth Farm Safety

Notice seeking applications to increase the likelihood that farmers, ranchers, farm workers, or farm family members with disabilities experience success and that those working with or teaching youth have access to comprehensive educational resources in the area of youth farm safety and certification. For AgrAbility: Applications are due May 1, 2013. Approximately $700,000 is available in support. For Youth Farm Safety: Applications are due May 8, 2013. Approximately $300,000 is available in support. Land-Grant colleges and universities are eligible to apply.


**U.S. Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** 2013 Pacific Northwest Bay-Watershed Education and Training

Notice seeking applications for projects that provide teachers opportunities for professional development in the area of environmental education. Proposals are due April 23, 2013. Approximately up to $400,000 is available to support six awards.


**U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency:** Integrated Cyber Analysis System (ICAS)

Notice seeking innovative research proposals in the area of cyber analysis. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems. Technical areas include: 1) Technology Development and System Integration, 2) Security and System Testing. Proposals are due May 7, 2013. Approximately $9.6 million is available to support two to three awards in technical area 1; and $1.8 million for one award in technical area 2. Proposers may submit proposals for both technical areas, but proposers selected for Technical Area 2 cannot be used for any technical area associated with the area, whether as a prime, subcontractor, or in any other capacity from an organizational to individual level.


**U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency:** Innovative Systems for Military Missions

Notice seeking proposals for system and subsystem level technologies that enable revolutionary improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the military. Novel concepts are sought in four focus areas: Space Systems and Space Awareness, Hypersonics-Space Access, Aero-and Hydrodynamic Systems, and Ground and Soldier Systems, and the following cross-cutting capabilities: Design Synthesis, Manufacturing, Qualification and Verification & Validation (V&V), and Autonomy. Proposals are due April 5, 2013. Multiple awards are anticipated. Eligibility is unrestricted.


**U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Information Innovation Office:** Probabilistic Programming for Advancing Machine Learning (PPAML); Proposers’ Day

Notice announcing a briefing in support of the anticipated Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for the Probabilistic Programming for Advancing Machine Learning (PPAML) program. Attendance at the PPAML Proposers’ Day is voluntary and is not required to propose to subsequent solicitations (if any) on this topic. The Proposers’ Day does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. The agenda includes government presentations, proposers’ presentations and government response to questions from morning session. The meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Executive Conference Center at Liberty Center, 4075 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 350, Arlington, VA 22203. Interested parties must register at http://www.solers.com/BAInfo-reg/ppaml no later than COB on April 5, 2013.

Links: FBO notice https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=9fc6add1ef3da23fcbe9f23e9d598a&tab=core&_cview=0


Notice seeking proposals that address both (1) the acquisition of noise data for multi-stream, hot, supersonic jets issuing from relevant, complex nozzle geometries and (2) the development and validation (using noise data acquired in (1)) of engineering design models/tools for noise prediction that could be used in future tactical aircraft system studies. Proposals under ONRBA13-001 are due April 27, 2013. Approximately $150,000 - $450,000 per year is available to support one award.

Links: FBO notice https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=a9cefecdc5e89bc96e52739e099a2da4&tab=core&_cview=0

**U.S. Department of Energy; Advanced Research Projects Agency ? ENERGY:** Reducing Emissions Using Methanotrophic Organisms for Transportation Energy (REMOTE)

Notice seeking applications to fund the development of bioconversion technologies that will reduce our ability to convert methane to liquid fuels. Of interest are biological routes to improve the rates and energy efficiencies of methane activation and subsequent fuel synthesis, as well as approaches to engineer high-productivity methane conversion processes. Questions are due April 8, 2013 to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov. Concept papers are required and due April 15, 2013. Approximately $20 million is available to support 8 to 12 awards. Cost sharing is required. Eligibility is unrestricted.

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- **U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**: Marine and Hydrokinetic (MHK) Environmental Effects Assessment and Monitoring

Notice seeking applications support and promotion of increased understanding of the potential environmental effects of marine and hydrokinetic energy devices. This FOA will support the collection of environmental monitoring and experimental data from MHK devices and analyses of existing data. Letters of intent are requested and due April 18, 2013. Applications are due May 16, 2013. Approximately $1.9 million is available to support 7 to 11 awards.


- **U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Science; Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research**: Big Data-Aware Terabits Networking

Notice seeking applications on terabit data-aware network technologies and storage system management to address scientific Big Data infrastructure challenges, and an exploration of innovative theoretical frameworks, network-aware data management concepts, and storage system performance optimization models that will improve our understanding of how complex heterogeneous massive data sets should be organized, stored and shared. Applications are due April 19, 2013. Approximately $3 million is available to support 10 single-investigator awards and 1-2 multi-institution/multi-investigator awards.


- **U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Science; Office of Biological and Environmental Research; Climate and Environmental Sciences Division**: Atmospheric System Research Program (ASR)

Notice seeking research applications for observational, data analysis, and/or modeling studies that use data from the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) or ASR programs to address current scientific uncertainties in the properties of boundary layer and mixed phase clouds, ice nucleation processes, and aerosol processes; that make use of new ARM field campaign data to address ASR science goals; or that develop new integrated datasets or new algorithms from ARM observations that can be used to address ASR science questions. Pre-applications are required and due April 15, 2013. Applications are due May 29, 2013. Approximately $6 million is available to support 25 to 35 awards.


Notice seeking proposals for research projects that support the TSA mission of ensuring the safety of the nation's transportation. Research across broad strategic areas which offer potential for advancement and improvement of TSA security operations, technologies, processes, human-factors, and capabilities is encouraged. TSA is specifically interested in research that will provide for near term improvement of current security operations and capabilities. These areas include but are not limited to: Passenger and Baggage Screening, Threat Assessment and Dissemination, Cargo Screening; Credentialing; Exit Lane Control. White papers are strongly encouraged. Proposals are due December 31, 2013. Eligibility is unrestricted.

**Links:** FBO notice [https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=ca1a734b4bfa0e261e4e24be3ee1fc6&lab=core&_cview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=ca1a734b4bfa0e261e4e24be3ee1fc6&lab=core&_cview=0)

- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security; U.S. Coast Guard**: National Maritime Security Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice announcing a public meeting to discuss various issues relating to national maritime security. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET) and Wednesday, April 3, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (ET) in the Oklahoma Room at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE., Washington, D.C.


- **U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Geological Survey**: Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. The meeting will be held on April 3, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.


- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)**: National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

Notice announcing a NACEPT meeting has been postponed and rescheduled as a teleconference. NACEPT provides advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. NACEPT will discuss and approve draft recommendations in response to the National Academy of Sciences' report on, "Sustainability and the U.S. EPA." NACEPT's second letter on sustainability will address two topics: which strengths EPA can leverage to successfully deploy sustainability practices across the Agency, and what 3-5 year breakthrough objectives can help bring about sustainability implementation. The agenda and meeting materials will be available [at http://www.epa.gov/ofacmo/nacept/cal-nacept.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ofacmo/nacept/cal-nacept.htm). NACEPT will hold a teleconference on April 4, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. Members of the public wishing to attend or submit oral or written comments should contact Eugene Green at green.eugene@epa.gov or 202/564-2432 by March 29, 2013.