ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

• National Endowment for the Humanities; Division of Education Programs: Humanities Initiatives

Notice seeking applications to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities. Applications are due June 27, 2013. Successful applicants for NEH Humanities Initiatives may be awarded up to $100,000.


• U.S. Agency for International Development: Development Innovation Ventures Annual Program Statement (APS)

Notice seeking applications in innovations that are expected to lead to transformative (as opposed to incremental) improvements to development outcomes that could ultimately scale across multiple developing countries and, ideally, multiple sectors in those countries. Letters of intent are required and due August 15, 2013, December 16, 2013, and April 15, 2014. Applications due April 15, 2014.


• U.S. Department of Commerce; Economic Development Administration: FY 2013 University Center Economic Development Program Competition

Notice seeking applications for initiatives that are focused on advancing regional commercialization efforts; entrepreneurship; and a high-skilled regional workforce. Applications are due June 17, 2013. Approximately $8.4 million is available to support eight to ten awards over five years. Colleges and universities must be located in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.


• U.S. Department of Commerce; Economic Development Administration: Request for Comments on Developing a Program to Provide Loan Guarantees to Small- or Medium-Sized Manufacturers

Notice seeking comments on how to design and structure loan guarantees for small- and medium-sized manufacturers. Comments may be sent by May 15, 2013 to rfi@eda.gov and must include the title, “Comments on Development of EDA Program to Provide Loan Guarantees to Manufacturers?” and refer to Docket No. 130301184-3184-01.


• U.S. Department of Education: President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics

Notice announcing a public meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. The Commission will review initial subcommittee ideas and plans for Commission activities for 2013, and have breakout sessions with the established subcommittees. The meeting will be held on April 30, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT at the Great Hall, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201. RSVPs must be received by April 24, 2013 at noon EDT to WhiteHouseforHispanicEducation@ed.gov.


• U.S. Department of Education; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR): Proposed Priority-National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research-Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program-Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers

Notice announcing a proposed priority for a Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) on Universal Interfaces and Information Technology Access. The Assistant Secretary may use this priority for competitions in fiscal year FY 13 and later years. We take this action to focus research attention on areas of national need. We intend to use this priority to improve rehabilitation services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities. Comments may be submitted by May 17, 2013 listed.


• U.S. Department of Education; Office of Postsecondary Education: Training for Realtime Writers Program CFDA Number 84.116K

Notice seeking applications to provide grants for the recruitment, training and assistance, and job placement of individuals as realtime writers. Applications are due May 31, 2013. Approximately $1 million is available to support four awards. Eligible applicants are colleges and universities that already offer a court reporting program that has a curriculum capable of training realtime writers qualified to provide captioning services; is accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the secretary; and is participating in student aid programs under Title IV.

• U.S. Department of Education; Office of Postsecondary Education: Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program: Short-Term Projects CFDA Number 84.021A

Notice seeking applications for funding that supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Short-term projects may include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study. Applications are due June 13, 2013. Approximately $1.39 million is available to support 16 awards for projects lasting up to 18 months.


• U.S. Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services: Applications for New Awards; Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities -- Center on Dispute Resolution

Notice seeking applications to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance, supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research. Applications are due June 3, 2013. Approximately $650,000 is available to support one award for one year. Colleges and universities are eligible to apply as partners with the states, particularly in the areas of quantitative and qualitative evaluation.


• U.S. Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR): Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERCs): Hearing Enhancement

Notice seeking applications to establish an RERC for Hearing Enhancement which will develop methods, procedures and rehabilitation technology to assist the hearing impaired in achieving the full inclusion and integration into society. An optional pre-application meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. EDT with additional question and answer period from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT. Pre-registration is preferred through the contact listed. Applications are due June 17, 2013. Approximately $925,000 is available to support one award.


• U.S. Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR); Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs): Center on Knowledge Translation for Technology Transfer CFDA Number 84.133A-8

Notice seeking applications to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities and to improve the effectiveness of services An optional pre-application meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. EDT with an additional question and answer period from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT. Pre-registration is preferred through the contact listed. Applications are due June 17, 2013. Approximately $925,000 is available to support one award.


• U.S. Department of Education; Office of the Deputy Secretary: Proposed Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria-Race to the Top-District

Notice seeking comments on the proposed priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria for the FY 13 Race to the Top' District competition. Comments are due May 16, 2013. Preferred method of sending comments is through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Comments will not be accepted via email or fax.


Notice seeking proposals to expand the availability of high quality citizenship preparation services for lawful permanent residents in communities across the nation. Applications are due May 22, 2013. Approximately $9.87 million is available to support 40 awards.

• U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Office for Policy Development and Research: Transformation Initiative: Sustainable Communities Research Grant program

Notice seeking applications for cutting edge research in quality, equitable affordable housing development and preservation; transportation and infrastructure planning; and green, energy-efficient practices. Priority is given to applications that advance evidence-based research on the effectiveness of federal programs in these areas, which includes HUD programs such as HOME Investment Partnerships, Community Development Block Grant, Public Housing, and Choice Neighborhoods Grant programs, and the range of HUD programs that address issues related to sustainability. Applications are due May 29, 2013. Approximately $500,000 is available to support five awards between $75,000 and $125,000.


• U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: OJJDP FY 2013 Missing and Exploited Children Program Support

Notice seeking applications to serve the Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Program through a variety of services and program support, including but not limited to, providing meeting and conference support; information management; and publications to local, state, and tribal law enforcement, nonprofit organizations, and other juvenile justice practitioners. Applications are due June 6, 2013. Approximately $350,000 is available to support one award.


• U.S. Department of Labor; Office of the Secretary: Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Veterans Supplement to the Current Population Survey

Notice requesting comments on The Veterans Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The supplement provides information on the labor force status of veterans with a service-connected disability, combat veterans, past or present National Guard and Reserve members, and recently discharged veterans. For more information and supporting documents, visit the following website: http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMAIN. Comments may be submitted until May 17, 2013 to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.


• U.S. Department of State; Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Academic Exchange Programs: Fulbright Student Program

Notice seeking applications for the administration and implementation of the Fulbright Student Programs for recent U.S. and foreign college and university graduates, advanced graduate students including those pursuing doctoral degrees, and creative artists to study, teach, or conduct research abroad and in the United States. Applications are being accepted for the administration of both U.S. Student Programs, Foreign Student Programs. Applications are due June 17, 2013. Approximately up to $11,704,057 is available in support for the management of 4,700 new students. Organizations applying to administer the Foreign Fulbright student programs must demonstrate the capacity to administer the global foreign student programs and enrichment activities outlined in the full description. Cost sharing is highly encouraged.


• U.S. Department of State; Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs; U.S. Embassy of Pakistan, Islamabad: Establishment of an Academic Partnership in Communication Design with the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture in Karachi, Pakistan

Notice seeking applications to establish an Academic Partnership in Communication Design between a U.S. educational institution and the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture in Karachi, Pakistan. Objectives detailed as priorities for this partnership include: collaborative research in design projects, curriculum development, professional development for faculty by U.S. counterparts, and semester-long faculty and student exchange. Applications are due May 23, 2013. One award may be available for approximately $750,000 to $1 million for projects lasting 36 months.


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• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of General Medical Sciences: 2014 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

Notice seeking applications for Centers of Excellence in Modeling of Infectious Diseases. The Centers will comprise a component of the Modeling of Infectious Disease Agents Study (MIDAS) network, consisting of Centers of Excellence, a centralized Information Technology Resource (announced separately), and research projects (announced separately). The overall objective of MIDAS is the coordination of a cadre of multidisciplinary scientists conducting computational and mathematical research to provide the U.S. scientific and public health communities better resources, knowledge, and tools to prepare for, identify and prevent the spread of infectious diseases caused by naturally occurring or intentionally released pathogens, including those related to biodefense. The Centers will address four major thematic areas: infectious disease research; computational, statistical, and mathematical research; education and outreach; and public health policy. Letters of intent are requested and due September 18, 2013. Applications are due October 18, 2013. Program expires November 27, 2013. Approximately $9 million is available in FY 14.

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families: Projects to Establish Individual Development Account (IDA) Programs for Refugees

Notice seeking applications for projects to establish and manage Individual Development Accounts (IDA) for low-income refugee participants. Applications are due June 17, 2013. Approximately $2.2 million is available to support nine awards over three years. Successful grantees will be expected to coordinate their policies and procedures for developing and administering refugee IDA projects with the Office of Refugee Resettlement and with the existing refugee IDA network.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Agency for Health Care Research and Quality: The Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions about Effectiveness (DEcIDE) Research Network (U19)

Notice seeking applications to become designated a Center in the DEcIDE Research Network Program. DEcIDE Centers will conduct one to two primary research studies and implement related projects directed at improving healthcare outcomes for Medicare, State Medicaid, and/or CHIP patients. Letters of intent are requested and due May 15, 2013. Applications are due May 31, 2013. Approximately $2 million is available to support four awards. Program expires on June 1, 2013.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Request for Measures and Domains to Use in Development of a Standardized Instrument for Use in Public Reporting of the Quality of Transition From Child-focused to Adult-focused Care in Young Adults With Chronic Conditions

Notice seeking white papers to measure aspects of the transition from child-focused to adult-focused care in young adults with chronic health conditions. White papers are due May 20, 2013.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): AHRQ Standing Workgroup for Quality Indicator Measure Specification Request for Nominations

Notice seeking nominations for standing and limited-time work groups on AHRQ Quality Indicators, (AHRQ QIs). AHRQ QIs are measurements of health care quality which use hospital inpatient administrative data for the purpose of tracking, hospital self-assessment, and reporting hospital-specific quality or pay for performance. Third-party and self-nominations may be submitted by May 3, 2013 to pam.owens@ahrq.hhs.gov.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Evidence-Based Laboratory Medicine: Laboratory Medicine Best Practices Systematic Review Recommendations Evaluation

Notice seeking applications to evaluate the clinical laboratory best practice recommendation for reducing blood sample hemolysis rates developed through CDC’s Laboratory Medicine Best PracticesTM Initiative. Letters of intent are requested and due May 1, 2013 and should be sent to Nancy Cornish at vgh5@cdc.gov. Applications are due by May 30, 2013. Approximately $400,000 is available for one award lasting two years at no more than $200,000 per year.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP); National Program of Cancer Registries: Cancer Surveillance System annual report. Proposed changes include: changing the report period from annual to semi-annual; updates of data definitions; and inclusion of enhanced descriptions of cases of breast cancer, colorectal cancer, and chronic myelogenous leukemia. Comments may be faxed to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, (202) 395-6974.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Food and Drug Administration: In vitro-In vivo Correlations of Parenteral Microsphere Drug Products

Notice seeking applications to investigate in vitro-in vivo correlations of parenteral microspheres. The encapsulated agent may be a small molecule or peptide, and the dosage form should be an injectable. Applications are due June 1, 2013. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration; National Advisory Council on Migrant Health: National Advisory Council on Migrant Health; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a public meeting to discuss services and issues related to the health of migrant and seasonal agricultural workers and their families and to formulate recommendations for the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters concerning the organization, operation, selection, and funding of migrant health centers and other entities under grants and contracts. The meeting will take place on May 21, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on May 22, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to noon EDT at Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 16-49, Rockville, Maryland 20857


Notice announcing a meeting of the NACNEP to identify the key issues facing nursing workforce development to respond to the Affordable Care Act and health care system redesign, and to formulate policy recommendations for Congress. See the NACNEP website for more information: http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpadvisory/nacnep/index.html The meeting is scheduled for April 24 and 25, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. Contact Jeanne Brown to attend in person or via webinar.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; Multiple Institutes: NIH Administrative Supplements to Recover Losses Due to Hurricane Sandy Under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act Non-Construction (Admin Supp)

Notice seeking applications for investigators and institutions impacted by Hurricane Sandy and with active NIH grants to request: 1) a 24-month extension of the current budget period, with 12-months of funding at the same funding level as the current year of the grant; and/or, 2a) one-time administrative supplements of up to $50,000 in direct costs (excluding consortium F&A costs) to replace lost and/or damaged research resources; and/or 2b) up to $100,000 to replace a single item of equipment so long as that request is accompanied by well-documented support for the need to replace that item of equipment. Applications are due June 12, 2013 and January 14, 2014. Eligibility is limited to research institutions located in the FEMA declared major disaster states, which are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Cancer Institute: Paul Calabresi Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology (K12)

Notice seeking applications to increase the number of clinicians (M.D.s, D.O.s, Pharm.D.s, nurses with Ph.D.s or equivalent) and Ph.D. scientists who are trained to design and test clinical therapeutic research protocols (pilot/Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III clinical trials), conduct patient-oriented cancer therapeutic research in team research environments, and to support the career development of investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research. Applications are due June 18, 2013; June 18, 2014; and June 18, 2015. Approximately $50,000 may be available for the initial year of funding with up to $750,000 for the second year of funding and for renewal applications. Program expires June 19, 2015.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Human Genome Research Institute and National Institute of Mental Health: Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS) (P50)

Notice seeking applications from multi-investigator, interdisciplinary teams to develop innovative genomic approaches to address a particular biomedical problem at an academic Center for advanced genome research. A CEGS project will address a critical issue in genomic science or genomic medicine, proposing a solution that would be a very substantial advance. Thus, the research conducted at these Centers will entail substantial risk, balanced by outstanding scientific and management plans and very high potential payoff. A CEGS will focus on the development of novel technological or computational methods for the production or analysis of comprehensive data sets, or on a particular genome-scale biomedical problem, or on other ways to develop and use genomic approaches for understanding biological systems. Letters of intent are requested and due June 8, 2013. Applications are due July 8, 2013. Approximately $2 million may be requested by applicants and up to ten projects will be selected. Applicants to the CEGS program are required to submit a parallel application to the Limited Competition: Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics (R25): Diversity Action Plan http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-063.html.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: Pharmacological Approaches to Evaluating Drug Regimens to Address Antimicrobial Resistance (RO1)

Notice seeking applications to support antimicrobial pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) studies of drug combinations or sequentially administered (sequenced) antimicrobial agents in relevant in vitro and animal models to enhance understanding of the host, drug and microbial factors that contribute to the emergence of antimicrobial drug resistance in clinically relevant pathogens with a goal of minimizing the potential for development of resistance. Letters of intent are requested and due June 30, 2013. Applications are due July 30, 2013. Approximately $5.5 million is available to support multiple awards for five years.

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• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a public meeting of the NICHD. The agenda is scheduled to include reports from Directors of NICHD and National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR); Discussion of a Strategic Plan for NCMRR; Coordinating Rehabilitation Research activities across NIH. More information can be found at www.nichd.nih.gov/about/ncmrr.htm. The meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT at the Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Executive Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases: Planning Grants for Translating CKD Research into Improved Clinical Outcomes (R34)

Notice seeking applications to assess the feasibility of testing the effectiveness of interventions for the prevention, treatment and management of chronic kidney disease that have a high likelihood of being widely adopted and sustained in a wide range of health care settings and in individuals and communities at highest risk. Letters of intent are requested and due June 30, 2013. Applications are due July 30, 2013. Approximately $1.45 million is available in support in FY 2014.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of General Medical Sciences: Modeling of Infectious Disease Agent Study Research Projects (U01)

Notice seeking applications that propose to provide the U.S. scientific and public health communities better resources, knowledge, and tools to improve their ability to prepare for, identify and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Research projects will become part of the Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) network. Letters of intent are requested and due June 18, 2013. Applications are due July 18, 2013. Program expires July 19, 2013. Approximately $3.5 million is available in FY14.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of General Medical Sciences: Modeling of Infectious Disease Agent Study Information Technology Resource (U24)

Notice seeking applications for a centralized Information Technology Resource, Centers of Excellence component, and a research projects component. The Information Technology Resource will further the research carried out by a network of multidisciplinary scientists conducting computational and mathematical research to improve the ability to prepare for, identify, detect, control, and prevent emerging infectious diseases caused by naturally occurring or intentionally released pathogens, including those relevant to biodefense. The resource will support the data, logistics, software and expert consultation needs of the MIDAS Network. Letters of intent are requested and due June 18, 2013. Applications are due July 18, 2013. Program expires July 19, 2013. Approximately $2.8 million is available in FY14.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of General Medical Sciences: Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) (R25)

Notice seeking applications focused on developing new or expanding existing effective institutional developmental programs designed to academically and scientifically prepare underrepresented (UR) students in the biomedical or behavioral sciences for competitive research careers. Applications are due June 20, 2013. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Mental Health: Pediatric Suicide Prevention in Emergency Departments (U01)

Notice seeking applications aimed at developing and determining, prospectively, the sensitivity and specificity of approaches to screening and stratifying youth (under age 18) who are at risk for suicide in order to improve the overall care of these individuals in the Emergency Department (ED) setting. Letters of intent are requested and due September 18, 2013. Applications are due October 18, 2013. Approximately $12 million is available to support one award in FY 2014.

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Nursing Research:** Notice of Meeting

  Notice announcing a public meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research to discuss program policies and issues. Further information can be found at [www.nih.gov/ninr/a_advisory.html](http://www.nih.gov/ninr/a_advisory.html). The Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.


- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Aging:** Optogenetic Tools for the Study of Neural Systems in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease (R01)

  Notice seeking applications to support and promote broad applications of optogenetic tools for research on normal and/or pathological aging of neural systems including sensory, motor, cognitive, emotional, autonomic, sleep, and neurovascular, or Alzheimer's disease (AD), as well as to encourage additional development of aging and AD specific optogenetic tools. Letters of intent are requested and due July 1, 2013. Applications are due August 1, 2013. Approximately $1 million is available to support up to four awards in FY 2014. Program expires on August 2, 2013.


- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism:**

  - **Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Addiction**
    
    Notice seeking applications that propose to study neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms contributing to concurrent alcohol and nicotine co-addiction. R21 Applications are due February 16, June 16, and October 16, annually. R01 applications are due February 5, June 5, and October 5, annually. Program expires September 8, 2016.

    

  - **The Role of Extracellular RNA in Mediating the Health Effects of Alcohol** (R21)

    Notice seeking applications to provide support for innovative research into the role of extracellular RNA (exRNA) in the development of alcohol-related diseases and end-organ injuries. Applications are due February 16, June 16, and October 16, annually.


- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders:** NIDCD Research on Hearing Care (R21/R33)

  Notice seeking applications to support research and/or infrastructure needs leading to more accessible and affordable hearing health care (HHC). The proposed research aims should lead to the delivery of better healthcare access and outcomes and be directed to solutions that is effective, affordable and deliverable to those who need them. Letters of intent are requested and due September 24, 2013, May 24, 2014, and January 24, 2015. Applications are due October 24, 2013, June 24, 2014 and February 24, 2015. Approximately $500,000 is available to support two awards.


- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; Office of Research Infrastructure Programs:** Limited Competition: Restoring Research Resources Lost Due to Hurricane Sandy (R24)

  Notice seeking applications to provide support to help restore research resources, including animal colonies and related materials and equipment, that were lost due to Hurricane Sandy. Letters of intent are optional and due June 19, 2013. Applications are due July 19, 2013. Approximately $9.5 million is available to support two to ten awards over a two year period. Benefits of this award are restricted to the declared Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

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• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health; Office of Research Infrastructure Programs: Limited Competition: Shared Instrumentation for Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief (S10)

Notice seeking applications for the purpose of supporting the replacement of damaged or destroyed biomedical research equipment (supported mainly by active NIH-awarded grants) that was extant before Hurricane Sandy. Applications are due July 19, 2013. Approximately $5 million is available to support five to seven awards over a two year period. Benefits of this award are restricted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared major disaster states, which are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Office of Minority Health: Solicitation of Nomination for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

Notice seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH). ACMH provides advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on improving the health of each racial and ethnic minority group and on the development and specific program activities of OMH designed to improve the health status and outcomes of racial and ethnic minorities. Nominations must be received by May 31, 2013. All nominations should be mailed to Monica Baltimore, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Minority Health, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852.


• U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meetings

Notice announcing meetings of the panels of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. See notice for meeting dates and locations. Each meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT and open to the public during the first 30 minutes only.


• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP): FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel

Notice announcing a meeting of FIFRA SAP to consider and review Weight-of-Evidence: Evaluating Results of EDSP Tier 1 Screening. The meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2013 to August 2, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT at Environmental Protection Agency, Conference Center, Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Nominations of candidates to serve as ad hoc members of FIFRA SAP for this meeting should be provided by May 2, 2013 to the contact listed. The meeting will be webcast at http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap/


SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

• Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy: President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)

Notice announcing a public PCAST meeting on information on Administration research initiatives in neuroscience and technology’s impact on productivity and employment. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 3, 2013; 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (ET) at the National Academy of Sciences (in the Lecture Room), 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Information regarding the meeting agenda, time, location, and how to register for the meeting is available on the PCAST Web site at: http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast. A live video webcast and an archive of the webcast after the event are expected to be available at http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast.


• National Aeronautics and Space Administration: ROSES 2013: Sea Level Rise

Notice seeking proposals for Interdisciplinary research required to improve the accuracy and spatial resolution of current and future sea level change estimates; Development of a web portal to serve as a central hub for the effort, including communicating results in a simplified manner to the scientific community and general public; and Establishment of the NASA Sea Level Change Team (N-SLCT) to foster this work. Proposals must address one of the following subelements: 1. Sea level rise and its regional variation 2. Improving knowledge of ice mass change 3. New sea level datasets. 4. A NASA Web portal for sea level change. Proposals are due May 31, 2013. Subelements one-three: Approximately $3.5 million is available to support nine awards. Subelement 4: Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one award.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration: ROSES 2013: Terrestrial Hydrology**

Notice seeking proposals for hydrologic research and advancement that may lead to revolutionary changes in the capability of dealing with water stress currently and in the future. Topic areas of interest are Other Hydrological Sectors, and snow. Notices of intent are requested and due May 15, 2013. Proposals are due July 15, 2013. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support 10 to 12 awards.


**National Aeronautics and Space Administration: ROSES 2013: Planetary Atmospheres**

Notice seeking proposals for scientific investigations that contribute to the understanding of the origins and evolution of the atmospheres of planets and their satellites and of comets. Areas of interest include the determination of compositions, dynamics, energetics, and chemical behaviors of planetary atmospheres. Notices of intent are requested and due April 26, 2013. Proposals are due June 21, 2013. Approximately $2.1 is available to support 10 to 25 awards.


**National Aeronautics and Space Administration: ROSES 2013: Mars Fundamental Research**

Notice seeking proposals proposing investigations that use: (i) theoretical and experimental studies, including laboratory studies of analog materials, to investigate the coupled atmospheric and geological systems on Mars; (ii) quantitative terrestrial field experiments that improve understanding of the in situ measurements that have been or that will be made on Mars; and (iii) any other innovative research activities that demonstrate relevance to NASA’s overarching goals for the scientific exploration of Mars. Notices of intent are requested and due May 3, 2013. Proposals are due July 2, 2013. Approximately $2.3 million is available to support 20 to 23 awards.


**National Science Foundation: Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee**

Notice announcing a meeting of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies. The meeting will be held on May 2, 2013, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT at the National Science Foundation, Room 390, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. The meeting will be a teleconference.


**National Science Foundation: National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice**

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss issues related to IACUCs and IRBs, the Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI) Program, and the Office of Management and Budget's recent Proposed Guidance for Federal awards. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET) This meeting will be held by teleconference at the National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. The meeting will be a teleconference.


**National Science Foundation: Directorate for Biological Sciences; Division of Biological Infrastructure: Collections in Support of Biological Research**

Notice seeking applications for funding to: secure, improve, and organize collections that are significant to the NSF BIO-funded research community; secure collections-related data for sustained, accurate, and efficient accessibility of the collection to the biological research community; and transfer collection ownership responsibilities. Applications are due July 16, 2013. Approximately $6 million is available to support 10 to 20 awards of up to $500,000 for a period of up to three years.


**National Science Foundation: Directorate for Education & Human Resources: EHR Core Research**

Notice seeking proposals to provide funding in foundational research areas that are broad, essential and enduring to help synthesize, build and/or expand research foundations in four core areas of STEM learning, STEM learning environments, workforce development, and broadening participation in STEM. Proposals are due July 12, 2013, February 4, 2014, and the first Tuesday of February annually, thereafter. Approximately $20 million is available to support 28 awards. Core Research Proposals are approximately $1.5 million over five years, to study foundational research questions/issues designed to inform the transformation of STEM learning and education. Capacity Building Proposals are approximately $300,000 for three years and are intended to support groundwork necessary for advancing research within the four core areas.

• National Science Foundation; Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Division of Materials Research: Materials Research Science and Engineering Center

Notice seeking proposals to support research and education in materials sciences academic fields. Preliminary proposals are required and due August 26, 2013. Proposals are due January 10, 2014. Approximately $25 million is available to support up to ten awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: One application per institution is allowed.


• National Science Foundation; Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; LIGO Research Support

Notice seeking proposals to supports research aimed towards answering questions about the nature of space and time, the gravitational attraction at atomically small and cosmological large distances and the use of gravitational waves to explore the universe. Proposals are due October 30, 2013.


• National Science Foundation; Multiple Directorates: Online Resource Center for Ethics Education in Science and Engineering

Notice seeking proposals to create an Online Resource Center for Ethics Education in Science and Engineering to support the collection and curating of materials in an online, state of the art resource center, maintaining resources that will help scholars and educators in all of the fields that NSF supports to incorporate ethical and social justice issues and reasoning into their pedagogy, research, and practice. Proposals are due August 7, 2013. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one award lasting up to five years.


• National Science Foundation; Multiple Directorates U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Transformational and Applied Research Directorate: Joint Domestic Nuclear Detection Office-National Science Foundation: Academic Research Initiative

Notice seeking proposals for novel cross-cutting research that will enhance the nation's ability to detect and interdict nuclear or radiological material outside of regulatory control, and otherwise help prevent nuclear or radiological attacks. Proposals are due July 10, 2013. Approximately $15 million is available to support six to eight awards.


• National Science Foundation; Office of Integrative Activities; Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research: EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-3: Building Diverse Communities

Notice seeking proposals to catalyze novel and innovative mechanisms to promote scientific progress nationwide. Key to the improved academic research competitiveness in each EPSCoR jurisdiction has been the increased attention to both innovation and broadening participation. Proposals are due July 10, 2013. Approximately up to $750,000 per award is available to support five awards. Academic institutions or organizations in jurisdictions that meet the EPSCoR eligibility criteria for RII may submit proposals to the Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-3: Building Diverse Communities (RII Track-3) competition.


• U.S. Department of Agriculture; National Institute of Food and Agriculture: Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Program

Notice seeking applications from non-land-grant colleges and universities to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, state and local interest and other activities. Applications are due May 30, 2013. Approximately $4 million is available. Individual branches of a State college or university that are separately accredited as degree-granting institutions are treated as separate institutions, and are therefore eligible to apply for NLGCA Program awards.


Notice seeking applications to pilot on-line identity solutions for accessing government services that embrace and advance the NSTIC vision: that individuals and organizations utilize secure, efficient, easy-to-use, and interoperable identity credentials to access online services in a manner that promotes confidence, privacy, choice, and innovation. Applications are due May 16, 2013. Approximately $1.25 million is available to support awards for one year. Colleges and universities are eligible to be sub awardees.

• U.S. Department of Defense; Department of the Air Force; United States Air Force Academy: Cooperative Technologies for Unmanned Systems

Notice seeking white paper for controlling heterogeneous, autonomous, and cooperative unmanned systems. The particular interest areas for this work are the development of cooperative unmanned system technologies for heterogeneous mobile platforms with heterogeneous sensors used in asset protection missions, and sensor fusion techniques to combine sensor outputs for geo-locating mobile targets. White papers are required and due May 17, 2013. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. One award is anticipated for approximately 24 months. Eligibility is unrestricted.


• U.S. Department of Defense; Naval Postgraduate School: Acquisition Research Program at the Naval Postgraduate School

Notice seeking innovative proposals for defense acquisition management and policy research to be conducted for approximately a 12-month period during the September 2013 through May 2015 timeframe. Fields of interest include economics, finance, financial management, information systems, organization theory, operations management, human resources management, and marketing, as well as the ?traditional? acquisition areas such as contracting, program/project management, logistics, and systems engineering management. Applications are due June 13, 2013. Approximately $120,000 each is available to support multiple awards. Eligibility is unrestricted.


Notice seeking applications to develop and implement a variety of activities that deploy U.S. technical expertise in areas such as strategic and policy planning and analysis, energy market analysis, energy modeling, workforce development, and technical analysis to prime markets for increased use of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in South Africa and Saudi Arabia. ACTION: Concept papers are required and due May 20, 2013. Full proposals are due July 5, 2013. Approximately $900,000 may be available for one award of $450,000 for activities in each country.

Links: Solicitation https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx?Search=&SearchType=#FoaId87c4d3fb-37d4-458e-8459-9b07cd5fb73b, Grants.gov http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?sessionid=hsGRwJTWzcHcZF2yqDmYkJy1LQipvXhT1pqw6fRcRZgSqwGwpdK-189593869?oppId=230774&mode=VIEW

• U.S. Department of Energy; National Energy Technology Laboratory: FY2013 Unconventional Gas and Oil Technologies

Notice seeking applications to fund projects which improve the environmental performance of shale gas, tight oil, and tight gas resource development. Applications are due June 17, 2013. Approximately $8 million is available to support five to ten awards.


Notice seeking proposals to conduct Phase I research or research and development in any of the homeland security-related topic areas, and to commercialize the results of that research. Proposals for Phase I are due May 22, 2013. Phase I awards are up to $100,000 for up to six months. Upon successful completion of Phase I, the agency may provide additional funding in Phase II ($750,000) and Phase III (funding to be determined). Eligibility is unrestricted.

Links: FBO notice https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=b68baefa1d9d81cb2cdd0db3a9db723&tab=core&_cview=0

• U.S. Department of Transportation; Research and Innovative Technology Administration: Intelligent Transportation Systems Professional Capacity Building (ITS PCB) Program- ITS Awareness, Outreach, and Learning

Notice seeking white papers that establish partnerships with the Intelligent Transportation Systems Professional Capacity Building (ITS PCB) Program to deliver ITS awareness, outreach, and learning. Applicants must identify the nature of their work, their interest in ITS education and training, and areas of expertise. White papers are due May 20, 2013.

Links: FBO notice https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=8aade30728156da3e7bb6e7f5ca8716&tab=core&_cview=0

• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Notice of Public Meeting/Webinar: EPA Method Development Update on Drinking Water Testing Methods for Contaminant Candidate List Contaminants

Notice announcing a public meeting/webinar to discuss analytical testing procedures for unregulated contaminants in drinking water that are, or are being considered for inclusion, on the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL). The public meeting/webinar will be held on May 15, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT at Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center (AWBERC), Room 130/138, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268. Persons wishing to attend the meeting in-person or online via the webinar must register by May 1, 2013 at UCMRWebinar@cadmusgroup.com.