SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO

• Gulf of Mexico Alliance: Coastal Community Resilience Team: Request for Community Projects

The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium in collaboration with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Resilience Priority Issue Team are seeking proposals from coastal communities who wish to address their vulnerabilities to disasters identified during a community self-assessment. These collaborative projects will involve technical and financial assistance from the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Resilience Team during the duration of the project. Interested communities should submit a three-page proposal detailing their needs and how these funds would help them move towards implementation of resilience actions.

Purpose of Funding Opportunity - The overarching goal is to help Gulf of Mexico coastal communities who have completed (or are in the process of completing prior to August) the Community Resilience Index to address needs identified during their self-assessment, thus enhancing their overall resilience to future hazards. Project leaders (City Official, Mayor) should be prepared to discuss their application and how it relates to community needs at any time during this review period. A meeting or conference call may be arranged if the review panel has additional questions for the applicant.

Objectives - 1) Gulf of Mexico communities complete projects to inventory and characterize their natural, economic, and human assets critical to resilience; to assess community-specific vulnerabilities; to implement measures that prevent or mitigate future hazard damages; and/or to increase community dialog about preparedness, response, and recovery. 2) The Resilience Team learns from a series of demonstration projects, and is able to transfer lessons learned and processes to communities around the Gulf.

Eligibility - Local governments, county/parish governments, municipalities, and regional councils/commissions are eligible. Communities that have completed, or are willing to complete the Coastal Community Resilience Index no later than July 31, 2014, will be given preference.

Funding Amount and Duration - Total funding available for this competition is $67,500 with the expectation of funding 3-5 awards. Therefore, projects can receive between $13,500 to $22,500. Projects must be completed within 1 year. Projects expected to begin July 1, 2014.

Links: RFP


Recent theoretical developments in physics, mathematics, and other basic science may be integrated and/or applied to space-based Earth remote sensing. The incorporation of methodologies and techniques developed in other scientific areas, motivated by other sciences and applications (e.g., medical imaging), and/or new or novel application of approaches that can be applied to Earth remote sensing is a particular emphasis of this program. Research to be supported under this program element is expected to address the strengths and weaknesses of the approaches studied by quantifying the associated errors and uncertainties. Validation of proposed theoretical approaches should be outlined and, where feasible based on availability of relevant data (e.g., from airborne instruments), should be included in the proposed activities; proposals with such validation included will receive programmatic preference over those that do not include the use of available data. Notices of Intent are requested by July 15, 2014; proposals are now due November 3, 2014.

Links: Amendment 10

• National Science Foundation: Support for Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure and Research during FY 2015-FY 2019

The purpose of this Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) is to inform the natural hazards engineering research community of two forthcoming program solicitations anticipated to be issued by the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation, between April and June 2014, for the following: (1) operations of natural hazards engineering research infrastructure for FY 2015-FY 2019 and (2) research on multi-hazard resilient and sustainable civil infrastructure. NSF does not intend to provide additional information beyond this DCL until the program solicitations and any accompanying Frequently Asked Questions are issued, as those will be the official issuances for these competitions and take precedence over the information in this DCL. The anticipated due dates for full proposals submitted to these solicitations will be 90 days following the publication date. Eligibility - Proposals responding to either solicitation must be submitted by academic institutions, i.e., universities or two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in, the U.S., acting on behalf of their faculty members.

Links: Letter

ARTS, HUMANITIES and INTERNATIONAL

• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Public Programs: Bridging Cultures through Film

Notice seeking proposals that supports films that examine international themes and subjects in the humanities. Proposals are due June 11, 2014. Awards are for one to three years and for up to $75,000 (for development) and up to $650,000 (for production).

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Public Programs: Digital Projects for the Public

Notice seeking applications supporting projects such as websites, mobile applications, games, and virtual environments that significantly contribute to the public's engagement with humanities ideas. Applications are due June 11, 2014. Awards are made for a period of one to three years and may range up to $30,000 (for Discovery grants) or up to $100,000 (for Prototyping grants).

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Office of Digital Humanities (ODH): NEH/DFG Bilateral Digital Humanities Program

Notice seeking applications to offer support for projects that contribute to developing and implementing digital infrastructures and services for humanities research. Applications are due September 25, 2014. Awards range from $100,000 to $350,000 (approximately 70,000 to 250,000) for up to three years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Africa Bureau: Call For Partnership Concept Papers focused on Regional Leadership Centers under the President's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)

Notice seeking applications to develop Regional Leadership Centers that will help build a prestigious network of young female and male leaders across critical sectors of Sub-Saharan Africa that will use innovative and entrepreneurial approaches to strengthen democratic institutions and spur economic growth, as well as to build stronger ties to the United States. Based on geographic, demographic, linguistic and other considerations, preferred physical locations for the Centers include South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Mozambique, and Kenya. Required concept papers are due July 1, 2014. Approximately $12 million is available to support five centers. Preference will be given to alliances that include private sector partners who demonstrate long term commitment to the targeted region and a recognized business interest in the proposed concept. 1:1 cost share is required.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Georgia USAID-Tbilisi: Strengthening Media Initiative (SMI)

Notice seeking applications for a program entitled 'Strengthening Media Initiative' in Georgia, in order to improve the public's access to independent, reliable and balanced information relevant to Georgia's good governance. Questions are due April 8, 2014. Applications are due May 5, 2014. Approximately $5.1 million is available to support one award for five years.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Pakistan USAID-Islamabad: Centers for Advanced Studies (CAS)

Presolicitation notice regarding USAID's interest in seeking applications to establish support for Pakistan's economic development by strengthening the capacity of Pakistani universities to respond to changing public and private sector needs for applied research and skilled graduates in the sectors of food security/agriculture, water and energy. A pre-application conference will be held on May 6, 2014 in Washington, D.C. Prospective attendees are required to RSVP to Mr. Juan Esteban Proano, Assistance Specialist, (jproano@usaid.gov) no later than April 17, 2014, 9:00 am (Pakistan Standard Time. Until the RFA is released, prospective applicants must not contact Pakistani universities to discuss a potential partnership. Engaging in this contact ahead of the RFA's release may be grounds for exclusion from the CAS competition.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of State (DoS); Office of Monetary Affairs (OMA): Fiscal Transparency Innovation Fund (FTIF)

Notice seeking applications for training programs and capacity-building engagement with foreign government stakeholders and civil society representatives to improve fiscal transparency of central government budgets. Applications are due May 30, 2014. Approximately $5 million is available to support one or more awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of State (DoS); U.S. Mission to India: Model UN Exchange Program

Notice seeking applications for sending a team of U.S. MUN students accompanied by faculty advisors, mentors and/or chaperones (depending on the age of the travelling students) to participate in MUN programs in India to share and discuss best practices, and to establish the foundation for future interaction on global issues. Applications are due April 30, 2014. Approximately up to $75,000 per award is available. Nonprofit organizations with prior experience implementing programs in South Asia are eligible.

Links: Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• U.S. Department of Education (ED); Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Turnaround School Leaders Program CFDA Number 84.377B

Notice seeking applications for projects to develop and implement or enhance and implement a leadership pipeline that selects, prepares, places, supports, and retains school leaders (which may include leadership teams) for School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools (as defined in this notice) and/or SIG-eligible schools (as defined in this notice) in a local educational agency (LEA) or consortium of LEAs. Pre-Application Webinar is scheduled on April 9, 2014. Optional Notices of Intent are due April 25, 2014. Applications are due May 23, 2014. Approximately $14 million is available in support. Institution of higher education in partnership with an LEA or consortium of LEAs with at least five SIG schools and/or SIG-eligible schools are eligible to apply.

Links: Federal Register, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Education (ED); Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Proposed Priority—National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC)

Notice proposing a new priority for an RERC on 'Technologies to Enhance Independence in Daily Living for Adults with Cognitive Impairments. Comments must be submitted by May 2, 2014 at www.regulations.gov, referring to FR Docket No. ED-2014-OSERS-0025.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Education (ED); President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans: President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss collaborative initiatives to engage students, families, communities, institutions, corporations and philanthropy in meaningful education reform discussions and solution-building to ensure educational equity for American students. The meeting will be held April 18, 2014, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET, at U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ Auditorium, Washington, DC. Register with the contact by April 9, 2014, to attend.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); Office of Citizenship: FY 2014 Citizenship and Integration Direct Services Grant Program: Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services

Notice seeking proposals to expand the availability of high quality citizenship preparation services for lawful permanent residents in communities across the nation. Proposed citizenship preparation activities must include citizenship instruction and naturalization application services. Proposals are due May 16, 2014. Approximately $10 million is available to support up to 40 awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Housing Counseling Training Grant

Notice seeking applications that meet the goals of the agency to promote health and housing stability of vulnerable populations, promote economic development and economic resilience, affirmatively further fair housing, and increase the health and safety of homes and embed comprehensive energy efficiency and healthy housing criteria across HUD programs. Applications are due on May 5, 2014. Approximately $2 million is available. Nonprofit organizations are eligible. Applicants must have at least two years of experience providing housing counseling training services nationwide to housing counselors employed by housing counseling agencies participating in HUD’s Housing Counseling Program.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office for Victims of Crime: OVC FY 14 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

Notice seeking applications to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist victims of human trafficking in achieving their goals, which may include increased autonomy and self-sufficiency, and increased feelings of safety and well-being. Applications are due May 15, 2014. Awards will range from $200,000 to $500,000, for a 24-month project period. Organizations with a demonstrated history of providing victim assistance, social services, legal services, shelter, or mental health services for victims of human trafficking are eligible to apply.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office for Victims of Crime: OVC FY 14 Vision 21: Using Technology to Expand National and International Access to Victim Services

Notice seeking applications to provide funding to support projects that provide outreach and direct assistance to victims, particularly those who have never been served or for whom services are not readily available, nationally and/or internationally (for Americans abroad). Applications are due May 15, 2014. Approximately up to $4.15 million is available to support 10 awards. Nonprofit organizations with the financial and administrative capacity to manage a federal award funding either (as appropriate for the project proposed) a national-scope project serving crime victims within the United States at the national level, or a project serving U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents victimized while outside of the U.S., or a combination of the two.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA): BJA FY 14 Maximizing the Affordable Care Act: Improving Recidivism and Health Outcomes for the Justice-Involved Population

Notice seeking applications to improve health outcomes, whether by diverting eligible individuals from the justice system into treatment programs, or at the back-end of the system by ensuring seamless healthcare coverage in the reentry process. Applications are due May 22, 2014. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award for 12 months.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Office for Victims of Crime: OVC FY 14 Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Technical Assistance Project

Notice seeking applications to provide TTA to improve state responses to child and youth victims, their families, and caregivers. Applications are due May 21, 2014. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award for Phase I.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Office for Victims of Crime (OVC): OVC FY 14 Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth State Demonstration Project

Notice seeking applications to address the enduring issue of child and youth victimization through state-level demonstration projects. Applications are due May 21, 2014. Approximately $500,000 each is available to support two awards. Partnership opportunities exist for colleges and universities.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP): OJJDP FY 2014 Mentoring for Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Sex Trafficking Initiative

Notice seeking applications to enhance the capacity of applicant organizations to respond to the needs of child victims of CSE/DST. Applications are due May 15, 2014. Approximately $450,000 is available to support three Category 1 awards. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one Category 2 award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP): OJJDP FY 2014 Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

Notice seeking proposals to investigate innovative approaches to addressing CSEC victimization. Proposals should also advance evidence-based programs and practices that provide CSEC victims with timely and comprehensive intervention services. Proposals are due May 19, 2014. Approximately $500,000 is available to support awards for projects lasting up to four years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Labor (DOL); Employment and Training Administration (ETA): Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance (TA) Grant

Notice seeking applications from community based organizations (CBOs) or a consortium of CBOs to establish a regional technical assistance (TA) center in one of four eligible regions to improve outreach, recruitment, hiring, training, employment, and retention of women, women of color and women with disabilities in apprenticeships and nontraditional occupations. Applications are due May 2, 2014. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support up to four awards for projects lasting up to two years. Eligibility is limited to CBOs and consortiums of CBOs but opportunities exist for collaboration with colleges and universities.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); National Park Service (NPS): Bird Bridge Strike Study Request for Information

Notice seeking statements of information that provide organizational qualifications and a plan to study bridge strikes by birds through a review of available literature and the development of a study to effectively investigate bird bridge strikes. Statements of information are due April 15, 2014.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans

Notice seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans. Nominations must be received by May 30, 2014.

Links: Federal Register

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

• National Council on Disability (NCD): The Affordable Care Act and What it Means for People with Disabilities

Notice seeking proposals for a study of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and its implications for people with disabilities. Proposals are due April 29, 2014. Approximately $135,000 is available in support of one cooperative agreement.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Department of Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): DoD Breast Cancer Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2

Notice seeking applications to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer. Funding Level 1: Innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that is in the earliest stages of idea development. Research with potential to yield new avenues of investigation. Proof of concept. No preliminary data required. Funding Level 2: Research that is already supported by preliminary data and has potential to make significant advancements toward clinical translation. Demonstration of efficacy in vivo models, as applicable. Required pre-applications are due May 14, 2014. Applications are due May 28, 2014. Approximately $39 million is available to support 30 awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Department of Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): DoD Breast Cancer Program - Breakthrough Award Levels 3 and 4

Notice seeking applications to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer. Required pre-applications are due May 14, 2014. Applications are due August 15, 2014. Approximately $40 million is available to support eight awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Department of Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): DoD Breast Cancer Era of Hope Scholar Award

Notice seeking applications to support creative and innovative individuals rather than projects, the central feature of the award is the innovative contribution that the Principal Investigator (PI) can make toward ending breast cancer. The PI should articulate a vision that challenges current dogma and demonstrates an ability to look beyond tradition and convention. Required pre-applications are due August 1, 2014. Applications are due August 15, 2014. Approximately $11.2 million is available to support three awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Department of Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): DoD Bone Marrow Failure Idea Development Award

Notice seeking applications for innovative ideas and high-impact approaches based on scientifically sound evidence to move toward the BMFRP vision of understanding and curing BMF diseases. This award mechanism is designed to support new ideas. Proposed research studies should have a high probability of revealing new avenues of investigation. Research projects should include a well-formulated, testable hypothesis based on strong scientific rationale and a developed and well-articulated research approach. Personnel on the proposed team should have a strong background in BMF research. Research primarily focused on myeloproliferative neoplasms, leukemia, or other malignancies is discouraged. Required pre-applications are due May 13, 2014. Applications are due August 28, 2014. Approximately $2.56 million is available to support four awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Department of the Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): DoD Breast Cancer Innovator Award

Notice seeking to support visionary individuals who have demonstrated creativity, innovative work, and leadership in any field including, but not limited to, breast cancer. The Innovator Award will provide these individuals with the funding and freedom to pursue their most novel, visionary, high-risk ideas that could ultimately lead to ending breast cancer. The PI should have a past record of creativity, promise for continued innovation in future work, and a vision that challenges current dogma and demonstrates an ability to look beyond tradition and convention. The PI is also expected to be established in his/her field and have demonstrated success at forming and leading effective partnerships and collaborations. Required pre-applications are due May 14, 2014. Applications are due August 15, 2014. Approximately $15 million is available to support two awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Department of the Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Therapeutic Idea Award

Notice seeking applications for innovative preclinical research to develop new treatments for ALS. Pre-applications are required and due May 13, 2014. Selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications. Approximately $1.28 million is available to support two awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Department of the Army; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Therapeutic Development Award

Notice seeking applications for preclinical assessment of therapeutics for ALS. Pre-applications are required and due May 13, 2014. Selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications. Approximately $4.8 million is available to support two awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
**U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Department of the Air Force (DOA); Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC):** AFCEA 2014 C4I TECHNOLOGY REVIEW DAYS

Notice announcing review days to explore challenges and research opportunities in information systems and technology for Air Force and DOD applications. Sessions will be led by Air Force officials and experts from Academia, Industry, and Government. The event is co-sponsored by Air Force Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Erie Canal Chapter; State University of New York - Institute of Technology; and Cyber NY Alliance. To attend, register at this website.

**Links: [FBO notice](#)**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** Improving Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention and Practice through National Partnerships

Notice seeking applications to support one of two components of a multi-faceted approach to enhance Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders training, provider education and practice. For Component 1, applicant must have the organizational capacity and mission to target a specific professional specialty on a national and regional or state level. For Component 2, applicant must have a primary focus on FASDs and have national reach through an existing network of member organizations focusing on FASDs at the state and/or local levels. Letters of intent are requested and due April 22, 2014. Applications are due May 13, 2014. Approximately $5 million is available to support five awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: An institution may submit only one application, either for Component 1 or Component 2.

**Links: [Grants.gov](#)**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Practice and Implementation Centers

Notice seeking applications to expand previous efforts from FASD training programs and shift the perspective of this work from individual training for practicing health care professionals to one that capitalizes on prevention opportunities and the ability to impact health care practice at the systems level. Letters of intent are requested and due April 22, 2014. Applications are due May 13, 2014. Approximately $8 million is available to support five awards.

**Links: [Grants.gov](#)**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** Evaluation of Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for Blood Disorders

Notice seeking proposals to develop, sustain, and evaluate non-research activities to promote the health, wellness and the adoption of healthy behaviors aimed at reducing or preventing complications of blood disorders. Applications are due May 14, 2014. An average of $350,000 per year is available for up to four awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

**Links: [Grants.gov](#)**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** Pharmacometric Modeling and Simulation for Generic Drugs Evaluation

Notice seeking applications to develop quantitative models for generic drugs evaluation in the following areas: 1. Population pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic, dose-efficacy, and dose-toxicity modeling and simulation for narrow therapeutic index (NTI) drugs. 2. Pharmacometric modeling and simulation for generic drug substitutability evaluation and post marketing risk assessment. 3. Pharmacometric modeling and simulation for partial AUC (area under the concentration vs. time curve) as bioequivalence criteria. Applicants who wish to apply for more than one subtopic should submit separate proposals for each subtopic. Applications are due June 1, 2014. Approximately $250,000 is available in support.

**Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** Physiologically Based Absorption and Pharmacokinetic Modeling and Simulation for Non-gastrointestinally Absorbed Drug Products In Humans

Notice seeking applications to develop, evaluate and improve physiologically based absorption and pharmacokinetic models for the following areas to support and facilitate generic drug guidance development, product development in these areas: 1. Physiologically based pharmacokinetic modeling and simulation of dermal absorption, 2. Physiologically based pharmacokinetic modeling and simulation of ocular absorption, 3. Physiologically based pharmacokinetic modeling and simulation of lung absorption via oral inhalation, 5: Physiologically based pharmacokinetic modeling and simulation of absorption from nasally delivered products. Applicants who wish to apply for more than one subtopic must prepare separate proposals for each subtopic. Applications are due June 2, 2014. Approximately $200,000 is available in support.

**Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** Convener of Discussions on Medical Policy Issues Impacting Drug Development

Notice seeking applications from neutral, independent institutions and/or organizations that propose methods for convening a broad range of stakeholders, to include those with relevant expertise, and that would support conferences and meetings to explore and address medical policy issues during drug development, review, and surveillance. Applications are due June 1, 2014. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award. Nonprofits are eligible.

**Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)**
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Dissolution Methods for Microsphere and Implant Drug Products

Notice seeking applications to investigate dissolution methods for a parenteral sustained release dosage form and to analyze their capability of detecting manufacturing differences, predicting in vivo performance, and evaluate method robustness. Applications are due May 1, 2014. Approximately $500,000 is available to support two awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Dissolution Methods for Suspension and Emulsion Ocular Drug Products

Notice seeking applications to investigate dissolution methods for an ocular suspension or emulsion and to analyze their capability of detecting manufacturing differences, predicting in vivo performance, and evaluate method robustness. Applications are due May 7, 2014. Approximately $250,000 is available to support one award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Dissolution Methods for Semisolid Ocular Drug Products

Notice seeking applications to investigate dissolution methods for a semisolid ocular dosage form and to analyze their capability of detecting manufacturing differences, predicting in vivo performance, and evaluate method robustness. Applications are due May 1, 2014. Approximately $350,000 is available to support two awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA): Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Paraprofessionals

Notice seeking applications to develop and expand the paraprofessional mental health and substance abuse workforce who will focus on children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth at risk for developing or who have developed a recognized behavioral health disorder following their training. Special emphasis is on transitional-age persons 16 to 25 years old who are at risk for mental illness, substance abuse, and suicide, and among the least likely to seek continuous help. Applications are due on June 3, 2014. Approximately $3.4 million is available for 10 to 30 grants over a three year period. Two technical assistance calls will be provided on April 10 and April 23, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. ET. Call-in Number: 1-888-628-9526, Participant Code: 2193070 Adobe Connect LINKS: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/bhwta041014.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Cancer Institute (NCI): Early Phase Clinical Trials in Imaging and Image-Guided Interventions (R01)

Notice seeking applications proposing clinical trials conducting preliminary evaluation of the safety and efficacy of imaging agents, as well as an assessment of imaging systems, image processing, image-guided therapy, contrast kinetic modeling, 3-D reconstruction and other quantitative tools. Pilot (Phase I and II) cancer imaging clinical trials, including patient monitoring and laboratory studies will be supported. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. Applications are due June 30, 2014; October 10, 2014; February 9, 2015, June 9, 2015; October 9, 2015; February 9, 2016; June 9, 2016; October 11, 2016; February 9, 2017. Program expires February 10, 2017.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Cancer Institute (NCI): Physical Sciences-Oncology Centers (U54)

Notice seeking applications for Physical Science-Oncology Centers (PS-OC). PS-OCs will promote a physical sciences perspective of cancer and foster the convergence of physical science and cancer research by forming transdisciplinary teams of physical scientists and cancer researchers to work closely together to advance our understanding of cancer biology and oncology. Letters of intent are requested and due May 9, 2014; January 15, 2015; and October 14, 2015. Applications are due June 9, 2014; February 26, 2015; and November 25, 2015. Program expires November 26, 2015.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM): Biology of Manual Therapies (R01)

Notice seeking applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the neurophysiological (especially the central nervous system responses), immunological, endocrinological and/or biomechanical consequences of manual therapies, such as spinal manipulation, mobilization and massage therapy. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. Applications are due February 5, June 5, and October 5, annually. Program expires May 8, 2017.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Eye Institute (NEI): National Eye Institute

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Eye Council to hear presentations by the staff of NEI and discussions concerning NEI programs. The open portion of the meeting will be held on June 12, 2014, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, ET, at NIH, Terrace Level Conference Room, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD. Attendance will be limited to space available.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS): Innovative Programs to Enhance Research Training (IPERT) (R25)

Notice seeking applications to develop educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Particularly encouraged are activities with a primary focus on courses for skills development, structured mentoring activities, and outreach programs. Letters of intent are requested 30 days before the application deadline. Applications are due June 9, 2014; January 25, 2015; and January 25, 2016. The expiration date is January 26, 2016.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Aging (NIA): Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (P30)

Notice seeking applications for Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAICs) centers of excellence in geriatrics research and research career development. Letters of intent are optional and due May 23, 2014. Applications are due June 24, 2014. Approximately $4.1 million is available to support four awards for five years. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a series of panel meetings to discuss research and activities. The meetings will be held from May 21 to July 21, 2014. The first half hour of each meeting will be open to the public. See the notice for a list of meeting topics, times, and locations.

Links: Federal Register

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel

Notice announcing a meeting of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel. The purpose of the meeting is to carry out its statutory duties for which the Panel reviews, identifies, evaluates, and advises on those program activities, systems, procedures, and management activities that can contribute to program risk. The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Local Time at the NASA Kennedy Space Center, Headquarters Building, Room 2201, Kennedy Space Center, FL.

Links: Federal Register

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy [SOFIA]

Notice seeking information regarding potential partners interested in the use of the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) to conduct scientific investigations or for other potential uses. Responses or questions should be submitted as soon as possible, but prior to May 1, 2014.

Links: FBO notice

• National Science Foundation (NSF); Directorate for Geosciences; Division of Ocean Sciences: U.S. Science Support Program associated with the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP)

Notice seeking proposals to facilitate and enhance the participation of the U.S. scientific community in the IODP through a variety of support activities. Proposals are due June 30, 2014. Approximately $35 million is available to support one award for a project lasting up to five years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Science Foundation (NSF); Division of Earth Sciences; Directorate for Geosciences: Geomorphology and Land-use Dynamics

Notice seeking proposals to conduct research that investigates the coupling and feedback among processes that shape and modify landscapes over a variety of length and time scales, especially in the contexts of variation in climatic, biologic, and tectonic influences and in light of changes due to human impact. Applications are due July 16, 2014 and January 16, 2015 and annually on the same dates thereafter. Approximately $5 million is available to support 25 to 35 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR): Science Advisory Board (SAB) meeting

Notice announcing a meeting of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) that will include the following topics: (1) Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group (ESMWG); Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Recommendations; (2) Review Report on the Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystems and Climate (CIMECS); NOAASObserving System Integrated Analysis Capability II (NOSIA II); (3) NOAA Science Talk: Improving Prediction of Extreme Weather Events using Multi-Model Ensembles; (4) NOAA Response to the SAB Portfolio Review Task Force Report; (5) NOAA Response to the SAB External Review of the Ocean Exploration Program; (6) NOAA Science Career Track; (7) NOAA Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group (ESMWG); Coastal Habitat Restoration Recommendations; (8) NOAA Update and (9) Working Group Updates. The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. ET and Wednesday, April 16, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET at the Sheraton Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology Postdoctoral and Student Researcher and Visiting Fellow Measurement Science and Engineering Program

Notice seeking applications to develop and implement a Postdoctoral and Student Researcher and Visiting Fellow Measurement Science and Engineering Program and promote research, training, and practical experience in nanoscale science and technology on-site at the CNST. Applications are due May 1, 2014. Approximately $7 million is available to support one to three awards.

Links: Grants.gov


Notice seeking comment on a draft programmatic environmental assessment of the observing activities regularly occurring in the environment as a direct result of cooperative agreements funded by this program. Comments are due by April 30, 2014.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Golden Field Office: Technology Incubator for Wind Energy Innovations

Notice seeking concept papers for novel and non-incremental technology approaches with the significant potential to advance the mission of the DOE Wind Program. Concept papers are required and due April 28, 2014. Applications are due May 30, 2014. An informational webinar will be held April 17, 2014. Approximately $4.5 million is available to support three to nine awards for projects lasting one to two years. Cost-share requirements vary according to project tier. Applicants may be the prime applicant for only one concept paper and one full proposal (though they may contribute to other concept papers and proposals).

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Office of Science (SC); Office of Nuclear Physics (NP): Research, Development and Training in Isotope Production

Notice seeking applications for Research and Development (R&D) on alternative methods to produce radioactive and enriched stable isotopes needed for a wide variety of research and applications. The proposed research and development should generate data or lead to new and innovative technologies, or improvements to existing technologies, to foster enhanced production of isotopes. Successful proposals will describe how the outcome of the proposed work would support and enhance research and applications using isotopes in medicine, homeland security, the physical sciences, biological and geological sciences, energy, industry, etc. Applications are due May 23, 2014. Approximately $2.6 million is available to support two to four awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS): Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Advanced Technology Demonstration (ATD) for the Radiation Awareness and Interdiction Network (RAIN)

Notice seeking proposals for the performance of research, development, design, characterization and demonstration of a node of a Radiation Awareness and Interdiction Network (RAIN) system. Questions are due April 11, 2014. Proposals are due May 15, 2014. Approximately $3 million is available to support multiple awards.

Links: FBO notice


Notice announcing a forthcoming solicitation of small business concerns to submit innovative proposals. Questions are due April 16, 2014. The full solicitation will be published April 17, 2014, and proposals will be accepted through May 21, 2014. Eligibility is limited to small businesses, but opportunities exist for collaborations with colleges and universities.

Links: FBO notice
• U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): FY2015 Multistate Conservation Grant Program RFA

Notice seeking applications for funding of multistate conservation project grants. Examples of past projects include: Understanding Greater Sage-Grouse Responses to Wind Energy Development at the Landscape Scale and Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation to Optimize Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States. Letters of intent are required and due May 6, 2014. Eligible projects must benefit at least 26 states, a majority of the states in a region, or a regional association of state fish and wildlife agencies.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA): FY 2014 CMVOST Notice of Funding Availability

Notice seeking applications to reduce the severity and number of crashes on U.S. roads involving commercial motor vehicles (CMV) by training operators and future operators in the safe use of such vehicles. Applications are due May 5, 2014. Approximately $1 million is available. Cost share of 20% is required.

Links: Grants.gov


Notice announcing two public teleconferences of the SAB Panel to discuss its draft advisory report concerning the EPA document titled Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence. The teleconferences will be held on April 28, 2014 and May 2, 2014, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, ET. Members of the public wishing to attend should notify the contact.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC): Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. The meeting will be held April 10 and 11, 2014, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, ET, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Some sessions will be closed to the public.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC): Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a public meeting of the Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR). The meeting will be held April 9, 2014, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, ET, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Members of the public wishing to provide oral statements or written comments should notify the contact prior to the meeting.

Links: Federal Register

• U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC): Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000 to review the issues related to AP1000 condensate return cooling system design change. The meeting will be held April 9, 2014, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, ET, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Members of the public wishing to provide oral statements or written comments should notify the contact prior to the meeting. One session of this meeting may be closed to the public.

Links: Federal Register

STATE and REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Pacific Islands Area Conservation Innovation Grant

Links: Grants.gov

• Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee, Civil Rights Commission

Links: Federal Register

• Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee, Civil Rights Commission

Links: Federal Register

• Sanders Resource Advisory Committee, Montana

Links: Federal Register
• Requesting Nominations for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting, Galveston, Texas

Links: Federal Register

• Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2014 Request for Proposals for Support for Small Watershed Programs and Support for the Innovative and Nutrient Sediment Reduction Programs (Agency: EPA; Location: Chesapeake Bay watershed)

Links: Grants.gov

• Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Rocky Mountain CESU (Agency: DOI, USGS; applicants must be part of Rocky Mountain CESU)

Links: Grants.gov

• Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Basin CESU (Agency: DOI, USGS; applicants must be part of Great Basin CESU)

Links: Grants.gov

• Newborn Screening Data Repository and Technical Assistance Center

Links: Grants.gov

• FY 2014 National Infrastructure Investments

Links: Grants.gov

• Prescription Drug Overdose: Boost for State Prevention

Links: Grants.gov

• BJA FY 14 Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Maximizing State Reforms

Links: Grants.gov