ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Creating Greater Economic Wealth through the Handicraft Value Chain in Tunisia

Department of State (State), Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to create employment opportunities in Tunisia by providing technical expertise to Tunisian artisans to enable them to fine tune their products to meet the international standards, and to facilitate the participation of artisans in international markets and to increase the export of their products. Funds support efforts to partner with the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Commerce, and the National Office of Handicraft.

Optional intents to apply are due by May 3, 2017. Applications are due by June 1, 2017. Approximately $1.28 million is available to support two to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region

Department of State (State), Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to assist new entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa seeking to expand and grow their businesses and activities. Focus areas include: Enable seed-stage startups to shift to the intermediate/expansion stage; and Using innovative approach to expand existing start-ups and businesses to grow and create more jobs. Funds support efforts that will lead to measurable increases in sales, employment and capitalization of start-up enterprises in the region, through successful and sustainable, evidence based approaches, including through support for the expansion of viable social enterprises, increased access to capital, technology transfer, marketing planning.

Optional intents to apply are due by May 11, 2017. Applications are due by June 6, 2017. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one to two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Literature with Positive Messages for Afghan Youth

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

Notice seeking applications to: Support and encourage local authors to write books with educational messages that are culturally specific to Afghan children; Provide Afghan children with books that highlight concepts of peace, acceptance, tolerance, kindness, and gender equality in ways that can be understood and assimilated by youth growing up in a conflict environment; and Assist Afghan children in developing their language and learning skills through reading.

Applications are due June 24, 2017. Approximately $110,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Mosquito Talk: Building and Expanding International Network of Public Health Communicators to Engage on Zika and Vector Borne Diseases

Department of State (State), Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs’ (OES)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to build a broad international community which will help drive innovative and locally appropriate solutions to stop mosquitoes that carry Zika and other diseases. Funds support efforts to educate community leaders and trusted public figures such as journalists, health practitioners, scientists, educators, and private sector actors who have regular contact with the public and who can broaden the circle of people looking for solutions to vector borne diseases and communicating with the public about mosquitoes. Applications are due by June 2, 2017. Approximately $480,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Strategic Trade Controls Seminars

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Security-Nonproliferation (ISN)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to create multiple one-week strategic trade control seminars for the Export Control and Related Border Security Program’s partner countries. Funds support efforts to raise international nonproliferation awareness, provide an understanding of the history of major nonproliferation treaties and the multilateral control regimes, and to foster discussion on export control implementation. Country targets include: Afghanistan; Georgia; Ukraine; Thailand; and Vietnam.

Applications are due by June 21, 2017. Approximately $520,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Countering Trafficking in Persons in Sri Lanka

Department of State (State), Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs

Notice seeking proposals from organizations to provide assistance on eliminating worker paid recruitment fees, improving victim identification and referral systems; improving victim assistance and psychosocial services; and/or working with core agencies on regulatory reform to protect migrant workers and reduce trafficking in Sri Lanka.

Applications due June 12, 2017. Approximately $1.1 million is available for one to two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Engaging local audiences through interactive programs

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications supporting Mission Pakistan’s support for public diplomacy programming. Funding projects will increase the knowledge of and understanding of the US to youth and empower women to promote their political participation and address violence against women and girls.

Applications are due June 26, 2017. Approximately $100,000 is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

FY 2018 Survey of International Educational Exchange Activity in the United States

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

Notice seeking applications supporting an accurate and current picture of international educational exchange activity in the United States in fulfillment of ECA’s mandate, under the Fulbright-Hays Act, to promote mutual understanding through international educational exchange.

Applications are due June 22, 2017. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award. Cost sharing is encouraged.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this competition.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Health System Strengthening (HSS)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Nepal USAID-Kathmandu

Notice seeking white papers supporting Nepal USAID - Kathmandu by strengthening data driven planning and governance of a decentralized health system, which in turn will increase utilization of equitable, accountable and quality health care services. White papers are due May 26, 2017.

Approximately $25 million is available to support one award. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Indonesia Countering Wildlife Trafficking Grant

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics-Law Enforcement

Notice seeking applications for a grant/cooperative agreement to implement a program entitled “Countering Wildlife Trafficking in Indonesia”, with the aim of combating wildlife trafficking in the region.

Applications due June 25, 2017. Approximately $833,000 is available for two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Promoting Gender Equality in Decision-Making in the U.S. Freely Associated States

Department of State (State), Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Notice seeking applications for projects that promote gender equality in political representation, and other leadership and decision-making roles in the U.S. Freely Associated States (FAS): Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and Republic of Palau. Projects should achieve one or more of the following goals: 1. Enhance the role of women through public outreach and education for both men and women about human rights and the societal benefits of gender equality and women’s empowerment. 2. Build the resources and tools available to women and girls to increase their personal and political agency to enable change, and to empower women in the practice of transparent and ethical government leadership. 3. Address the root causes that keep women from pursuing work outside the home or higher education.

Applications due June 26, 2017. Approximately $109,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

South Asia Regional Connectivity Program

Department of State (State), Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs

Notice seeking applications for cooperative agreement proposals that seek to support and enhance connectivity in South Asia. Through the provision of technical assistance and the promotion of regional cooperation, U.S. assistance focusing on issues relating to economic growth and trade facilitation, security, and environmental resource management will facilitate sustainable, broad-based, and participatory development outcomes over the long term. Proposed projects will focus on countries in the South Asia sub-region (India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka) that SCA has prioritized for assistance.

Applications due June 9, 2017. Approximately $685,000 is available for two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Supporting Tunisia’s Agribusiness Sector

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement to implement a program entitled “Supporting Tunisia’s Agribusiness Sector” in an effort to increase the productivity, competitiveness and sustainability in selected value chains and areas of the agribusiness sector to boost agro-food exports – thereby creating employment opportunities.

Applications due June 8, 2017. Approximately $600,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Training Courses for Afghan Journalists at the Centre for Excellence in Journalism

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications supporting the sending of Afghan journalists for professional training courses at the Centre for Excellence in Journalism in Karachi, Pakistan.

Applications are due June 26, 2017. Approximately $150,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Transitional Justice in Sri Lanka

Department of State (State), Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA)

Notice seeking proposals that seek to bolster and enhance formal transitional justice processes in Sri Lanka. This includes supporting the GoSL’s commitments to transitional justice through the provision of training to those likely to be directly involved in transitional justice processes, including: judicial investigators, key representatives of the GoSL transitional justice mechanisms, Secretariat and task forces, prosecutors, lawyers, and judges to build their capacity to address complex cases, including widespread or systematic human rights violations.

Applications are due June 12, 2017. Approximately $1.2 million is available to support one to two awards.

Limited Submission: Applicants can submit one application in response to the solicitation.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Center for Food Safety in Child Nutrition Programs

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Notice seeking applications to provide leadership in advancing food safety research and practices within USDA FNS nutrition assistance programs. The Center will conduct research and use innovative techniques to disseminate research results to effectively address the food safety needs of Child Nutrition Program stakeholders.

Applications are due June 26, 2017. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities-Stepping-Up Technology Implementation

Department of Education (Education), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, (OSERS)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to identify strategies needed to effectively implement research-based technology tools that benefit students with disabilities, and develop and disseminate products that will help a broad range of schools to effectively implement these technology tools. Applications must answer the absolute priority: Stepping-up Technology Implementation. Applications must recruit a minimum of three development schools in one local educational agency (LEA) and four pilot schools across at least two LEAs.

Applications are due by June 5, 2017. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Federal Register

Impact of Long Term Evolution Signals on Global Positioning System Receivers

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advanced Spectrum and Communications Test Network to inform the public about the Impact of Long Term Evolution (LTE) signals on Global Positioning System (GPS) Devices project. The project objectives were to Investigate the impact of LTE signals on GPS devices that operate in the GPS L1 frequency band; and perform radiated radio-frequency measurements on a representative set of GPS devices to validate the test methodology.

The meeting will be held Thursday, May 4, 2017, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at MITRE Campus, Building 1, 7525 Colshire Drive, McLean VA. The meeting will also be accessible via WebEx. Preregistration is required.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Meeting

Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship to further develop their policy proposals and work plan. Topic areas include advanced manufacturing, access to capital in underserved markets, inclusive entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship education in schools and career development programs, and alignment of federal innovation and entrepreneurship programing.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 1:00-3:00 pm ET and Wednesday, May 3, 2017, from 8:45 am-12:30 pm ET at Herbert Clark Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, WebEx access is available.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Research Advisory Council. Agenda items include a brief by the Advisory Committee Management Office, Air Force Health Study Update, Office of Research and Development Strategy review, Big Data update, discussions on personnel and workload, and Service updates.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in Conference Room 530 at 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register
Notice of Request for Applications for Appointment to the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Notice seeking nominations to the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, to consult with DOT and the Federal Interagency Committee on emergency medical services (EMS) on matters relating to EMS. Applicants must represent one of the various sectors of the EMS community, including but not limited to Public Health Experts, EMS Educators, and Consumers.

Nominations are due by June 16, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Recruitment of First Responder Network Authority Board Members

Department of Commerce (Commerce), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Notice seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to serve on the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Board. FirstNet is charged with ensuring the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network, based on a single, national network architecture. Nominees must have expertise in at least one of the following areas: Public safety, network, technical, and/or financial.

Expressions of interest are due by May 22, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register, Solicitation

Crisis Intervention Team Training Curriculum Enhancement

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

Notice seeking applications supporting the review and revision of an existing 40-hour CIT classroom-based training program designed to be delivered to 30 participants.

Applications are due June 26, 2017. Approximately $125,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Distance Education Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas

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

Notice seeking applications strengthening the capacity of Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas to carry out resident instruction, curriculum, teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences through distance education technology. Applications are due June 16, 2017. Approximately $800,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Food Safety Outreach Competitive Grant Program

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

Notice seeking applications supporting a network of trainers and available resources will be built upon to provide customized training to the target audience. The program will focus on projects that address knowledge and resource gaps in pre- and post-harvest water testing and sampling, soil amendments, developing supply chain programs, and/or developing food safety plans. Applications are due June 6, 2017. Approximately $4.8 million is available to support multiple awards. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
FY 2018 Teacher Exchange Program

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

Notice seeking applications supporting the Teacher Exchange Program which prepare teachers so they may help their students develop a global perspective and build the knowledge, skills, and insights needed for future study and careers.

Applications are due June 22, 2017. Approximately $10.45 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas

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

Notice seeking applications from IHE in an Insular Area to carry out teaching and education programs within a broadly defined arena of food and agricultural sciences-related disciplines.

Applications are due June 14, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Water Resources Research National Competitive Grants Program

Department of the Interior (Interior)

Notice seeking applications supporting research on significant national and regional water resources issues.

Applications are due June 1, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support multiple awards. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Announcement of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee Notice of Public Meeting

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC).

The meeting will be held May 15, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Meeting of the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing a meeting of Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS).

The meeting will be held May 31, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm ET at 775 12th Street NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register
Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; International Early Learning Study (IELS) 2018 Field Test Data Collection and Main Study Recruitment

Department of Education (Education), National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Notice seeking comments on International Early Learning Study (IELS) 2018 Field Test Data Collection and Main Study Recruitment.

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Announcement Type: Notice and Request for Public Comment

Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI)

Notice seeking comments on project titled CDFI Program and New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program Annual Report including Community Investment Impact System (CIIS).

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

**HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH**

Gastroenterology and Urology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Gastroenterology and Urology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss, make recommendations, and vote on information regarding the premarket approval application (PMA) for the TRANSMEDICS ORGAN CARE SYSTEM (OCS)—Lung System, by TransMedics, Inc.

The meeting will be held May 17, 2017, from 8 am to 6 pm at the Hilton Washington, DC/North, Salons A, B, C, and D, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. The hotel’s telephone number is 301/977-8900.

LINKS: Federal Register

Safe Use Symposium: A Focus on Reducing Preventable Harm from Drugs in the Outpatient Setting

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

Notice announcing a 1-day public symposium entitled “Safe Use Symposium: A Focus on Reducing Preventable Harm from Drugs in the Outpatient Setting.” The purpose of this symposium is to discuss sources of preventable harm from drugs in the outpatient setting and to stimulate the exchange of ideas among thought leaders on interventions to reduce preventable harms and how these interventions can be studied.

The public symposium will be held June 15, 2017, from 8 am to 4 pm at FDA’s White Oak campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave, Bldg. 31 (The Great Room C), Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Science Board to the FDA Administration Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to provide recommendations on the Agency's Innovation Funds work plan as prescribed in section 1002 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255).

The meeting will be held May 9, 2017, from 2 pm to 5 pm via audio Webcast.

LINKS: Federal Register

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss considerations for evaluation of Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccine candidates in seronegative infants.

The meeting will be held May 17, 2017, from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm at FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Coordinating Center for Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (U24)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Notice seeking applications proposing a Coordinating Center (CC) for the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAIC) program. The CC serves a facilitating role for OAIC site interactions as well as a conduit for translating OAIC objectives and findings to both scientific and general audiences.

Requested letters of intent are due September 19, 2017. Applications are October 19, 2017. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

Notice seeking applications supporting high risk, high impact, early discovery research on vaccine approaches to prevent acquisition of or ongoing infection by HIV.

Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to applications. Applications are due August 1, 2017, August 1, 2018, and August 1, 2019. Funding amount and number of awards are contingent upon availability.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Novel Cell Non-Autonomous Mechanisms of Aging (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Notice seeking applications supporting an in-depth understanding of the mechanisms that produce cell non-autonomous aging signals.

Requested letters of intent are due September 3, 2017. Applications are due October 3, 2017. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to eight awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Notice seeking applications supporting early-stage physician and other health-professional investigators with a commitment to aging to apply for this award to advance their research and leadership skills in their specialty and in the broader field of aging and geriatrics research.

Applications are due October 19, 2017. Approximately $2.4 million is available to support up to 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Promoting NICHD Areas of Research for HIV/AIDS in Maternal and Child Health (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications supporting HIV/AIDS research by addressing scientific areas of primary interest to NICHD, Maternal and Pediatric Infectious Disease Branch (MPIDB) and the Office of AIDS Research (OAR).

Applications are due annually on May 7, September 7, and January 7. Funding amount and number of awards are contingent upon availability.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Translational Outcomes Project in Neurotrauma (TOP-NT) (UG3/UH3)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

Notice seeking applications supporting the development and validation of pathophysiologically based preclinical outcome measures or functional markers that align closely with practical clinical assessments in spinal cord injury (SCI) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Requested letters of intent are due July 21, 2017. Applications are due August 21, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Utilizing Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Science to Optimize Dissemination and Implementation of Select Evidence-based PTSD Treatments Throughout the Military

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications for research that will utilize dissemination and implementation (D&I) science principles and approaches to optimize dissemination and implementation of evidence-based PTSD treatments within the military. D&I research studies typically involve both interdisciplinary cooperation and transdisciplinary collaboration, utilizing theories, empirical findings, and methods from a variety of fields not traditionally associated with health research.

Applications are due by June 12, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

Utilizing Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Science to Optimize Dissemination and Implementation of Select Evidence-based Tele-Behavioral Health Interventions Within the Military

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications for funding for research that will utilize dissemination and implementation (D&I) science principles and approaches to optimize dissemination and implementation of evidence-based tele-behavioral health within the military. D&I research studies typically involve both interdisciplinary cooperation and transdisciplinary collaboration, utilizing theories, empirical findings, and methods from a variety of fields not traditionally associated with health research.

Applications are due by June 12, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

Utilizing Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Science to Optimize Dissemination and Implementation of the DOD’S Behavioral Health Data Portal (BHDP) Throughout the Military Health System

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications for research that will utilize dissemination and implementation (D&I) science principles and approaches to optimize dissemination and implementation of the DoD’s Behavioral Health Data Portal throughout the Military Health System (MHS). D&I research studies typically involve both interdisciplinary cooperation and transdisciplinary collaboration, utilizing theories, empirical findings, and methods from a variety of fields not traditionally associated with health research.

Responses are due April 26, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

Cybersecurity of Medical Devices: A Regulatory Science Gap Analysis; Public Workshop; Request for Comments

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

Notice announcing a meeting entitled “Cybersecurity of Medical Devices: A Regulatory Science Gap Analysis.”

The meeting will be held May 18, 2017 and May 19, 2017 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
Defense Health Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Defense Health Board (DHB), Neurological/Behavioral Health Subcommittee. Subcommittee will receive public comments concerning pediatric behavioral health care in the Military Health System.

The meeting will be held May 16, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET at the Defense Health Headquarters (DHHQ), Pavilion Salons B-C, 7700 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, Virginia. See guidance in notice on in-person attendance.

LINKS: Federal Register, Board's Site

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NICHD.

The meeting will be held June 2, 2017 from 8:00 am to 11:30 pm ET at 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Public Input

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM). This year’s public forum will focus on an effort to explore new approaches for evaluating the safety of chemicals and medical products.

The meeting will be held on May 23, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Joint Meeting of the Pediatric Advisory Committee and the Pediatric Ethics Subcommittee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Pediatric Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Pediatric Ethics Subcommittee (PES).

The meeting will be held May 18, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council.

The meeting will be held May 23, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm ET at 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
Sentinel Training at the Food and Drug Administration; Public Workshop

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

Notice announcing a workshop entitled “Sentinel Training at FDA.” The purpose of the public workshop is to provide training to understand the kinds of questions that can be asked using health care claims data generally and within the FDA Sentinel System specifically, allowing an understanding of the capabilities of the Sentinel System.

The workshop will be held July 10, 2017 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Good Laboratory Practice Regulations for Nonclinical Studies

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

Notice seeking comments on Good Laboratory Practice Regulations for Nonclinical Studies.

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Radioactive Drug Research Committees

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

Notice seeking comment on Radioactive Drug Research Committees.

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

Department of the Treasury (Treasury)

Notice seeking comments on the information collection titled “Disclosure Requirement For Patient Protections under the Affordable Care Act.”

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

Notice seeking comment on project titled “Information Collection on Cause-Specific Absenteeism in Schools and Evaluation of Influenza Transmission within Student Households.”

Comment are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register
Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

Notice seeking comments on project titled “Awardee Lead Profile Assessment (ALPA).” The goal of this project is to build on an existing childhood lead poisoning prevention program.

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

Notice seeking comments on project titled “A Novel Framework for Structuring Industry-Tuned Public-Private Partnerships and Economic Incentives for U.S. Health Emergency Preparedness and Response”. This data collection will conduct interviews with industry leaders and survey private sector organization managers to systematically evaluate and explore the partnership preferences of private sector organizations, specifically when they are interacting or considering an interaction with government agencies.

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

Notice seeking comments on “Emergency Zika Package: Zika Reproductive Health Call-Back Survey (ZRHCS), 2017.”

Comments are accepted through June 26, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative

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

Notice seeking applications supporting professional development opportunities for K-14 teachers and education professionals; training of undergraduate students in research and extension; and fellowships for pre-doctoral and postdoctoral candidates. Funds support projects that give students opportunities to: Obtain hands-on experiences; Acquire research and extension skills necessary to join the agricultural workforce or pursue graduate studies in the Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human (FANH) sciences; Obtain a strong mentoring experience required for success in the FANH sciences; and Gain experience by participating in research and extension projects or programs that deliver science-based knowledge to people, thus, enabling them to make practical decisions.

Pre and postdoctoral fellowship applications are due by June 21, 2017. All other applications are due by June 28, 2017. Approximately $18 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Biological Robustness in Complex Settings (BRICS) Part 2

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

Notice seeking applications supporting innovative approaches to the development of engineered Forensic Microbial Systems that may be deployed in complex environments to create unique microbial signatures for environmental forensics operations. Focus areas include engineering robust microbial communities that can thrive in a specific environment, the design and detection of molecular signatures to identify that community when placed in complex environments, and mechanisms that will enable the potential safe deployment of the engineered system in open environments.

Applications are due by June 6, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

Geophysics

Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Earth Sciences

Notice seeking applications supporting basic research in the physics of the solid earth to explore its composition, structure, and processes from the Earth’s surface to its’ deepest interior. Funds support laboratory, field, theoretical, and computational studies. Topics include, but are not limited to: seismicity, seismic wave propagation, and the nature and occurrence of geophysical hazards; the Earth's magnetic, gravity, and electrical fields; the Earth's thermal structure; and geodynamics; geophysical studies of active deformation, including geodesy, and theoretical and experimental studies of the properties and behavior of Earth materials.

Applications are accepted at any time after July 24, 2017. Approximately $14.8 million is available to support 60 to 80 awards annually.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority-Serving Institutions of Higher Education (HBCUs/MIs): Center of Excellence for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarship

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications to select the student scholars (hereafter "students") and must demonstrate approaches to, and techniques in, research education and training that encourage students to remain committed to STEM disciplines, including the pursuit of advanced study, as applicable, and making a career choice in a STEM-related field.

Applications are due May 31, 2017. Approximately $1 million per year is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (PASCC) CALL 0002

Department of Defense (Defense), United States Air Force Academy (USAFA)

Notice seeking applications for study in many broad areas related to countering the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

White papers are due June 15, 2017. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO
SuperTools

IARPA (IARPA), Director of National Intelligence (DNI)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to develop Electronic Design Automation and Technology Computer-Aided Design tools to enable designs of Very-Large-Scale Integration superconducting circuits. The end goal of the project is to develop energy-efficient, scalable high performance computers and enable the design of 64-bit Reduced Instruction Set Computer microprocessors or circuits of similar complexity.

Applications are due by May 5, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: FBO

Tectonics

Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Earth Sciences

Notice seeking applications supporting research into deformation of the terrestrial continental lithosphere. Focus areas include deformation processes and their tectonic drivers that operate at any depth within the continental lithosphere, on time-scales of decades/centuries (e.g. active tectonics) and longer, and at micro-to plate boundary/orogenic belt length-scales.

Applications are accepted at any time after July 24, 2017. Approximately $9.25 million is available to support 40 to 50 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

NASA 2017 SBIR/STTR Industry Day

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing the opportunity to register for Industry Day. Registration opens April 24th through June 12th. Register through the NASA SBIR/STTR public website: https://sbir.nasa.gov/events/sbir-industry-day.

The meeting will be held June 25, 2017 to June 27, 2017 at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA.

LINKS: FBO

BLM Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications for partners to engage with fire adapted community activities. Specifically, The BLM is interested in partnering with a recipient to: Provide additional levels of service to members and non-members of the organization; apply for and manage grants on behalf of the communities to support their mitigation implementation; and manage the mitigation action implementation.

Applications are due June 27, 2017. Approximately $450,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Communications and Networking Discovery and Invention

Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense), Office of Naval Research (ONR)

Notice seeking proposals to develop measurable advances in technology that can directly enable and enhance end-to-end connectivity and quality-of-service for mission-critical information exchange among such widely dispersed naval, joint, and coalition forces. The vision is to provide high throughput robust communications and networking to ensure all warfighters -- from the operational command to the tactical edge -- have access to information, knowledge, and decision-making necessary to perform their assigned tasks.

White papers are due June 26, 2017. Proposals are due September 25, 2017. Approximately $2 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

DARPA Biological Technologies Office Open BAA

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

Notice seeking applications for revolutionary research ideas for topics not being addressed by ongoing Biological Technologies Office (BTO) programs or other published solicitations. Proposed research should investigate leading edge approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, technologies, or systems at the intersection of biology with engineering and the physical and computer sciences.

Application are accepted on an ongoing basis through April 26, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering.

The meeting will be held May 15, 2017 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting

NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

Notice announcing a meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment.

The meeting will be held May 2, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Request for Recommendations for Membership on Directorate and Office Advisory Committees

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking recommendations for membership on numerous advisory committees.

Mail membership recommendations to National Science Foundation is 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

LINKS: Federal Register