ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Morocco Justice Sector Reform Feasibility Studies
Department of State (State), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair

Notice seeking applications from qualified Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Educational Institutions and other qualified organizations for a Grant/Cooperative to implement a program entitled Morocco Justice Sector Reform Feasibility Studies.

Proposals are due on August 21, 2015.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USAID/Haiti Broad Agency Announcement Advancing Financial Inclusion in Haiti
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking proposals to co-create, co-design, co-invest and collaborate on interventions that demonstrate the highest potential to dramatically improve development impacts by tackling key constraints within Haiti’s existing financial ecosystem along such inflection points as: institutional governance, financial literacy, transaction costs, liquidity, oversight and infrastructure.

Proposals are due on August 27, 2015.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Dialogues on the Experience of War
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Notice seeking proposals to support the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war, in the belief that these sources can help U.S. military veterans and others to think more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service. The humanities sources can be drawn from history, philosophy, literature, and film—and they may and should be supplemented by testimonials from those who have served. The discussions are intended to promote serious exploration of important questions about the nature of duty, heroism, suffering, loyalty, and patriotism.

Proposals are due on September 15, 2015. Approximately $100,000 is available per grant for multiple awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Abyei Leadership Development for Ngok Dinka and Misseriya Women
Department of State (State), Bureau of African Affairs

Notice seeking applications to draw upon key women leaders to drive community reconciliation, dialogue, and cooperation, including developing a cadre or taskforce of women who are community leaders within both the Ngok Dinka and Misseriya communities.

Applications are due August 7, 2015. Approximately up to $495,000 is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Abyei Civil Society Strengthening Pilot Program

Department of State (State), Bureau of African Affairs

Notice seeking applications to focus on seeking out existing of former elements of organized civil society, and helping these elements to reestablish themselves as organized groups.

Applications are due August 7, 2015. Approximately up to $250,000 is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Administrative and Programming Support for American Corner Mostar

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Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Notice seeking proposals to support the administrative management and programming of AMERICAN CORNER MOSTAR and to provide additional, limited assistance to other American Corners throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina for a one-year period.

Proposals are due August 31, 2015. Approximately $35,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Open Meeting

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy to discuss topics in international economic policy.

The meeting will be held on July 23, 2015 from 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. ET in Room 4477 of the Harry S Truman Building at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC. To obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should provide requested information to Melike Yetken no later than July 14, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

National Education Association (NEA)

Notice seeking applications to support the planning stages of digital projects that promise to benefit the humanities. The program supports both new projects in early stages of development and efforts to reinvigorate existing or dormant projects in innovative ways.

Applications are due September 16, 2015. Approximately $40,000 is available for Level I grants. Approximately $75,000 is available for Level II grants.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Blurred Lines: A Media Ethics Course for Indian Journalists

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

Notice seeking applications to support the co-development of a media ethics course to provide a baseline understanding of the international industry standards media should strive to meet, including: accuracy, honesty, transparency, impartiality, and accountability.

Applications are due August 7, 2015. Approximately $25,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Model Precinct/Smart Policing Training Project for El Salvador

Department of State (State), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair

Notice seeking applications to assist the National Police of El Salvador (PNC) to implement successful crime prevention strategies by adopting modern, proactive policing strategies and partnering with the private sector and NGOs throughout greater San Salvador and other municipalities to enhance the capacity of the PNC to prevent crime and violence, especially gang-related.

Applications are due on October 1, 2015. Approximately $3.2 million is available to support one award over a three year period.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Gang Phenomena Assessment for El Salvador

Department of State (State), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair

Notice seeking applications to provide a scientifically validated data source and analysis of the reality of the gang phenomena in El Salvador; identify the affiliation rules; the organizational structures; the possibilities of leaving the gangs; the role of the gang members in prison; the challenges for gang members in their day to day life; possibilities and opportunities of reinsertion into society if any; and the options they have in life; and what factors have influenced their decisions of becoming a gang member.

Applications are due October 1, 2015. Approximately $175,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Management of Model Precinct/Smart Policing Program in El Salvador

Department of State (State), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair

Notice seeking applications to provide comprehensive model police precinct technical assistance and implementation oversight in three related fields: Base-line and outcomes public opinion surveys; public/private partnerships; and MPP operations mentoring as directed by the INL Senior Police Advisor and under the supervision of the post INL Director and Coordinator.

Applications are due October 1, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Regional Women In Policing

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to establish an opportunity to assist women working in police to strengthen their capacities through an awareness raising and skills development conference.

Applications are due August 24, 2015. Approximately $150,000 is available to support one award. Eligibility is limited to Intergovernmental non-profits or non-governmental organizations, or U.S. non-profit/non-governmental organizations or other non-profits organizations credentialed and operating in Georgia.

LINKS: Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Training Program for Journalism Standards, Ethics and Advocacy in the Digital Era Department of State

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

Notice seeking applications to coordinate a journalism training program focused on ethics, standards, citizen journalism, digital media and advocacy through reporting. The program will bring U.S. experts to conduct two or three two-day workshops in India.

Applications are due by July 31, 2015. Between $75,000 and $100,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Risk Management Education Partnership Program

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Risk Management Agency; Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Notice seeking applications to deliver crop insurance education and risk management training to U.S. agricultural producers to assist them in identifying and managing production, marketing, legal, financial, and human risk.

Applications are due by August 14, 2015. Note that applications must be submitted through the Results Verification System at http://rvs.umn.edu/Home.aspx. Approximately $2 million is available for awards ranging from $20,000 to $99,999. Eligibility is unrestricted.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Threat Reduction Advisory Committee; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Defense (Defense), Office of the Secretary

Notice announcing open meeting of the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee to review and evaluate classified information related to the Committee's mission to advise on technology security, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (C-WMD), counter terrorism and counter proliferation.

The meeting will be held on July 15, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET and July 16, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET at CENTRA Technology Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

LINKS: Federal Register
National Environmental Education Advisory Council

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing open teleconference meeting of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council to discuss specific topics of relevance for consideration by the council in order to provide advice and insights to the Agency on environmental education.

The teleconference will be held on July 13th, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. ET. Those interested in participating should contact Javier Araujo to gain access to the teleconference.

LINKS: Federal Register

Studying the Economic Impact of Documentary Standards

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

Notice seeking applications to develop and disseminate data and tools to assess the economic impact of documentary standards.

Applications are due August 24, 2015. Approximately $150,000 is available to support one multi-year award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Empirical Measurement of the Impact of Technology Transfer from Federal Laboratories

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

Notice seeking applications to develop a data infrastructure of technology transfer activities across federal laboratories that can be used as a tool to empirically measure the economic impact of technology transfer activities from federal laboratories.

Applications are due August 24, 2015. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one multi-year award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Innovative Metrics for Economic Development – Proof of Concept Study

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

Notice seeking applications to develop and test measures, metrics, indicators, and methodologies to help the agency more effectively assess, evaluate, and report on the full impact of its economic development investments on regional economies across the Nation. Proposals must discuss how robust indicators and metrics will be identified; establish appropriate program metrics for EDA investments and validate the statistical relationship between grant outputs and outcomes (capacity building) and realized (economic growth, competitiveness and sustainability) outcomes.

Applications are due August 21, 2015. Approximately $300,000 is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov
HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The public meeting will involve guidance to the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on priorities for health care research; the field of health care research including training needs and information dissemination on health care quality; and the role of the Agency in light of private sector activity and opportunities for public private partnerships.

The public meeting will be held on Friday July 24, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Eisenberg Conference Center, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD

LINKS: Federal Register

National Cancer Institute; Amended Notice of Meeting

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

Notice of public meeting of the National Cancer Institute Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee.

The meeting will be held on July 8, 2015, 09:00 a.m. to July 8, 2015, 2:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Federal Register (original notice)

The Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority Special Projects

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Notice seeking applications to support advanced development and availability of medical countermeasures (MCMs) for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats, pandemic influenza, and emerging infectious diseases through advanced product development, stockpile acquisition, building manufacturing infrastructure, and product innovation.

Applications are due September 4, 2015. Approximately $200,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

NINDS Morris K. Udall Centers of Excellence for Parkinson’s Disease Research (P50)

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

Notice seeking applications to establish a network of Centers that work collaboratively as well as independently to define the causes of and discover improved treatments for Parkinson’s disease (PD). A more immediate goal for each Center is to rapidly advance synergistic, interdisciplinary research programs while serving as national leaders in PD research.

Letter of intent are requested by November 15, 2015. Applications are due December 15, 2015. Approximately up to $1.5 million is available to support one award in FY 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
DoD Peer Reviewed Cancer Horizon Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

Notice seeking applications from junior level scientists to conduct high-impact research with the mentorship of an experienced cancer researcher in 11 priority areas.

Pre-applications are due August 11, 2015. Applications are due September 29, 2015. Approximately $1.56 million is available to support 13 awards of $75,000 each. Predoctoral candidates and postdoctoral fellows are eligible.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Networks to Develop Priority Areas of Behavioral and Social Research (R24)

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

Notice seeking applications to provide infrastructure support for advancing development of specific high priority areas of behavioral and social research of relevance to aging.

Letters of intent are requested by December 14, 2015. Applications are due January 14, 2016. Approximately $750,000 is available to support three awards in FY 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation; Notice of Meeting

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation to hear a report from the ACBSCT Work Group on Advancing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation for Hemoglobinopathies. The Council also will hear presentations and discussions on topics including: past recommendations made to the Secretary, cord blood bank economics, status of Food and Drug Administration licensure of cord blood banks, and potential impact of haploidentical transplants.

The meeting will be held on September 11, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET at the Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD. Those participating at this meeting should pre-register by visiting https://www.blsmmeetings.net/acbsct. The deadline to pre-register for this meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2015. Participants can also join this meeting via teleconference by calling the conference phone number (800/988-0202) and providing the participant passcode (9115853); and (Visual Portion) connecting to the ACBSCT Adobe Connect Pro Meeting using the following URL and entering as GUEST: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/acbsct_webinar/ (copy and paste the link into your browser if it does not work directly, and enter as a guest).

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP) to discuss existing Interprofessional Education (IPE) models in an academic setting and the intersect between education and practice as it relates to Health Care delivery reform.

The meeting will be held on July 28 and 29, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET via Webinar Format at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Commission on Forensic Science to receive a briefing on issues related to proficiency testing and receive status reports from the Subcommittees on Bylaws and Accreditation and Proficiency Testing.

The meeting will be held on August 10, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET and August 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the House of Sweden, 2900 K Street NW., Washington, DC. Online registration for the meeting must be completed on or before 5:00 p.m. ET August 3, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register

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HIV-infected Adolescents: Transitioning from Pediatric to the Adult Care Settings (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to support the transition of HIV-infected youth to adult care with the goal of developing an evidence base to support guidelines applicable to low, middle, and high income countries.

Letters of intent are not required and due December 14, 2015. Applications are due January 14, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

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Emerging Global Leader Award (K43)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Fogarty International Center (FIC); National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking applications to provide research support and protected time to a research scientist from a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) with a junior faculty position at an LMIC academic or research institution.

Applications are due December 16, 2015; December 14, 2016; and December 14, 2017.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

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Mechanisms Underlying the Contribution of Type 1 Diabetes Risk Associated Variants (DP3)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK); National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

Notice seeking applications to characterize the genetic variations in human genomic regions that have been putatively associated with type 1 diabetes (T1D) and conduct follow-up functional studies of particular genetic variants.

Notices of intent are not required and due January 17, 2016. Applications are due February 17, 2016. Approximately $15 million is available to support four to five awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Secondary Analysis of Existing Databases in Traumatic Brain Injury to Explore Outcomes Relevant to Medical Rehabilitation (R21)

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

Notice seeking applications to support secondary analyses of existing databases that have been established from clinical trials, survey studies, or natural histories in traumatic brain injury (TBI). These databases offer opportunities to explore questions about survival, progression, rehabilitation and recovery.

Letters of intent are not required and due September 30, 2015. Applications are due October 30, 2015. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support up to six awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

HIV-infected Adolescents: Transitioning from Pediatric to the Adult Care Settings (R21)

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

Notice seeking applications to support the transition of HIV-infected youth to adult care with the goal of developing an evidence base to support guidelines applicable to low, middle, and high income countries.

Letters of intent are not required and due December 14, 2015. Applications are due January 14, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available to support up to two awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Fogarty International Center (FIC)

Notice seeking applications to support advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty (at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) leading to an independently funded research career focused on global health.

Applications are due March 2, 2016; March 2, 2017; and March 7, 2018.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Neurodevelopmental Assessment of Infants and Children in Resource-Limited Settings (R43/R44)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking applications to develop tools and/or materials for neurodevelopmental assessment of cognitive functioning of infants and children in resource-limited settings.

Letters of intent are not required and due August 14, 2015. Applications are due September 14, 2015. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support up to five awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Neurodevelopmental Assessment of Infants and Children in Resource-Limited Settings (R41/R42)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking STTR applications from small business concerns to propose research to develop tools and/or materials for neurodevelopmental assessment of cognitive functioning of infants and children in resource-limited settings.

Letters of intent are not required and due August 14, 2015. Applications are due September 14, 2015. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support up to five awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

AHRQ Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Clinical Decision Support Learning Network (U18)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to create a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Clinical Decision Support (CDS) Learning Network ("PCOR CDS Learning Network."). The purpose of the PCOR CDS Learning Network is to engage stakeholders in the dissemination and implementation of PCOR findings through CDS and to promote incorporation of PCOR into clinical practice through CDS.

Letters of intent are requested by August 28, 2015. Applications are due November 13, 2015. Approximately up to $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (P30)

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

Notice seeks applications for Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAICs), centers of excellence in geriatrics research and research education. The OAIC awards are designed to develop or strengthen awardee institutions’ programs that focus and sustain progress on a key area in aging research.

Letters of intent are requested by September 21, 2015. Applications are due October 21, 2015. Approximately $3.1 million in FY2016 is available to support three awards and approximately $1 million in FY2017 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Aging Research to Address Health Disparities (Admin Supp)

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

Notice announcing the availability of administrative supplements to support aging research that addresses disparities in health, including preclinical, clinical, social and behavioral studies.

Applications are due September 17, 2015. Approximately $250,000 is available to support four awards.

Limited Submission:
Only one application per NIA parent award may be submitted.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
NIEHS SBIR Phase IIB Awards for Validation and Commercialization of Approaches to Reduce Animal Use in Toxicology Testing (U44)

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

Notice seeking applications to support SBIR/STTR Phase II grantees for the validation and commercialization of methods that either replace or reduce the number of animals (referred to as alternative test methods) used in in vivo toxicology screening and testing requirements set forth by US federal government agencies.

Letters of intent are requested by October 17, 2015. Applications are due November 17, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support two to three awards for fiscal year 2016. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Nanomaterials Health Implications Research (NHIR): Engineered Nanomaterials Resource and Coordination Core (U24)

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

Notice seeking applications for an Engineered nanomaterials Resource and Coordination Core (ERCC) as part of NHIR. This consortium will generate biological response profiles for a select set of Engineered Nanomaterials representing the landscape of nanotechnology applications.

Letters of intent are requested by August 30, 2015. Applications are due September 30, 2015. Approximately $800,000 is available to support one award for fiscal year 2016. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Nanomaterials Health Implications Research (NHIR): Comprehensive evaluation of interactions between engineered nanomaterials and biological system (U01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Notice seeking applications to gain a better understanding of ENMs-biological interactions to guide development of benign Engineered Nanomaterials (ENMs) and support safe and sustainable use of nanotechnology.

Letters of intent are requested by October 30, 2015. Applications are due November 30, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support five to six awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

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

DSO Office-wide BAA

Department of Defense (Defense), DARPA (DARPA), Defense Sciences Office (DSO)

Notice seeking executive summaries, abstracts and proposals for revolutionary research efforts applicable to the DSO mission.

Proposals are due by July 2, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO
Restricted-Access Research Data Centers

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE)

Notice seeking proposals to establish new Research Data Centers (RDCs). RDCs are secure Census Bureau facilities within which external researchers are given access to confidential micro data in accordance with specific statutory requirements. NSF will provide start-up costs for new RDC facilities. Potential investigators first must contact Census regarding the feasibility of sponsoring an RDC prior to submitting a proposal to NSF.

Proposals are due on September 30, 2015. Approximately $300,000 per year is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Mission System Open Architecture Science and Technology (MOAST)

Air Force (Air Force), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications to conduct exploratory, applied and advanced Research and Development (R&D) to evolve and expand emerging open architecture standards, such as the Open Mission Systems (OMS) and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Command and Control Initiative (UCI), for current and next-generation Air Force weapon systems. This research will provide robust, open architecture solutions to enable affordable capability evolution, reduced integration risk, sustained competition across the life-cycle, as well as make these systems resilient to cyber-attack.

It is anticipated that a BAA providing details into this program will be released between October and November 2015; the BAA will be made available at www.fbo.gov.

LINKS: FBO

Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I

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

Notice seeking applications that deal with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA’s vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water.

Applications are due on October 8, 2015. Funds may be awarded up to $100,000 for a Phase I project. Colleges and universities can serve as partners with industry.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice of Public Workshop Regarding Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice announcing a public workshop to discuss Information Sharing and Analysis Organization, Automated Threat Information Sharing, and Analysis Capabilities and Requirements.

The workshop will be held on July 30, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Silicon Valley at San Jose State University—1 Washington Sq., San Jose, CA.

LINKS: Federal Register
Automation for UxV-based Mine Countermeasures

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

Notice seeking proposals to focus attention of the scientific & technology community on the areas of interest, encourage dialogue amongst those interested in these areas with ONR, and provide a planned timetable for the submission of white papers and proposals.

White papers are due September 4, 2015. Proposals are due November 13, 2015.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Management and Operation of the IceCube Neutrino Observatory (ICNO)

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Geosciences

Notice seeking proposals to manage, operate, and maintain the IceCube Neutrino Observatory (ICNO), including the management of the ICNO workforce of scientists, engineers, technicians and administrators to ensure that ICNO M&O tasks are properly defined and assigned and that the resources needed to perform each task are available when needed.

Proposals are due October 7, 2015. Approximately $35 million is available to support one award. Limited Submission: One proposal per organization

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov