Notices from October 28, 2016 to October 31, 2016

This publication synopsizes funding opportunities, rules and regulations, comment requests, and meetings information from Grants.gov, Federal Register, and Federal Business Opportunities for colleges and universities that are eligible to be lead applicants or serve as partners.

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ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Digital Newspaper Program

FON:
20170112-PJ

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

ITEM:
Notice supporting efforts to create a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963, from all the states and U.S. territories. Funds support efforts to convert approximately 100,000 pages of newspapers in the applicant's home state into digital files.

ACTION:
Applications are due by January 12, 2017. Approximately $325,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Preservation and Access, 202/606-8570. Email: preservation@neh.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Student Leaders Program

FON:
NEAAC-ACBURGR-16-013

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

ITEM:
Notice supporting a rigorous program of continuous learning to develop leadership skills and expand the understanding of civil society for students seeking to be future leaders in the Middle East and North Africa. Funds support efforts to develop the participants' leadership and collective problem-solving skills through a six to eight week academic residency and field study program.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due by November 4, 2016. Applications are due by December 9, 2016. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
Applicants may submit up to two applications.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sara Curley, 202/341-9872. Email curleysl@state.gov

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEETING:
Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)

AGENCY:
Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security) , U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee on matters pertaining to the commercial operations of CBP and related functions within the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Treasury.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karmeshia Tuck, 202/344-1661.

MEETING:
Informal Discussion on Hazard Communication Rulemaking

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor) , Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a public meeting to informally discuss potential updates to the Hazard Communication Standard.

ACTION:
Pre-registration is required seven days before the meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.at the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Headquarters, Suite 700, 201 12th Street South, Arlington, VA.
MEETING:
National Assessment Governing Board Quarterly Board Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board to formulate policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Focus areas include: Selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment frameworks and specifications, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, improving the form and use of NAEP, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on November 17 from 12:30pm to 6:00 pm ET; November 18 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET; and November 19 from 7:30 am to 11:45 am ET at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Munira Mwalimu, 202/357-6938.

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MEETING:
Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee. Agenda topics include: opening remarks from the FRA Administrator and the FRA Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety and Chief Safety Officer; status reports from the Remote Control Locomotive, Track Standards, Hazardous Materials Issues, Rail Integrity Working Groups, and the Engineering Task Force; an informational presentation on the high-speed passenger rail equipment (Tier III) rulemaking; and an update on the status of Positive Train Control implementation.

ACTION:
The RSAC meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET at the National Association of Home Builders, National Housing Center, 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kenton Kilgore, 202/493-6286.

MEETING:
Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC)

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Workforce Information Advisory Council to address: The evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system; and how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems.

ACTION:
The meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the BLS Janet Norwood Training and Conference Center, Rooms 9 and 10, in the Postal Square Building at 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE., Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Steven Rietzke, 202/693-3912.

NOTICE:
Notice of Invitation for Nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

ITEM:
Notice inviting nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing, content, etc., of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of information to obtain from respondents concerning agriculture. The Committee consists of 20 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests, including, but not limited to, producers, representatives of national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, State agriculture representatives, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts.

ACTION:
Nominations are due by November 28, 2016.
NOTICE:
Request for Information on Interagency Working Group on Language and Communication's Report on Research and Development Activities

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice requesting comments to improve coordination and collaboration of research and development agendas related to language and communication across the Federal Government. Topic areas include: Knowledge and Processes Underlying Language and Communication; Language and Communication Abilities and Skills; Using Language and Communication to Influence Behavior and Share Information; Language and Communication Technologies.

ACTION:
Written submissions must be received on or before December 30, 2016.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Hearing and Balance Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-17-DMRDP-CRMRP-HBRA

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP)

ITEM:
Notice supporting research to address: the lack of knowledge of the prevalence, incidence, natural history, occupational and gender-related differences of tinnitus and its possible relation to individual blast/noise exposure; lack of standardized metrics for hearing and/or vestibular assessment and monitoring in clinical and operational environments; lack of understanding of the primary/secondary effects of blast exposure leading to the neuronal dysfunction of auditory and/or vestibular systems; and lack of knowledge and effective strategies and products for hearing and/or vestibular restoration.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due by December 12, 2016. Approximately $13 million is available to support four to six awards between research focus areas.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
CDMRP Help Desk, 301/682-5507. Email: help@eBRAP.org

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIA Research Centers Coordinating Network (U24)

FON:
RFA-AG-18-001

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

ITEM:
Notice supporting the development of novel interdisciplinary efforts in aging research through collaborations. Funds support additional infrastructure, information and data exchange, meetings and conferences, pilot studies, research opportunities for beginning investigators, visiting scholar programs, dissemination, and other collaborative efforts.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due by May 8, 2017. Applications are due by June 8, 2017. Approximately $1.05 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ramesh Vemuri, 301/402-7700. Email: vemurir@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research Education: Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Program (R25)

FON:
PAR-17-040

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

ITEM:
Notice supporting educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical workforce, with a primary focus on research experiences and courses for skills development.

ACTION:
Applications are due by January 27, 2017; January 26, 2018; and January 28, 2019. Approximately $5 million is available per year to support multiple awards.
MEETING:
Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held November 15 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm ET and November 16 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at 950 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Cancer Advisory Board and NCI Board of Scientific Advisors for concepts review, the acting director's report, and presentations.

ACTION:
The meeting will be open December 6, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, and December 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Edward Trimble, 240/276-5796. Email: trimblet@mail.nih.gov (mailto:trimblet@mail.nih.gov)

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Biomedical Research and Diving Equipment Development
FON:
N00024-17-R-4303

AGENCY:
Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice supporting biomedical research on Diver Health and Safety, Diving Effectiveness, Deep Diving Advancements, and Submarine Escape and Rescue. Focus areas include: Breathing Gas Supply; Human Performance; Environmental Protection; Decompression; and Tools, Transportation and Training.

ACTION:
Required pre-proposals are due January 6, 2017 for FY 18 funding, and November 17, 2017 for FY 19 funding. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=e4bea31edbee683ccc5733f721fdef367&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Ernuel Miranda, 202/781-1131. Email: ernuel.mirandarosari@navy.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Freshwater Harmful Algal Blooms: Early-Career and Regular

FON:
EPA-G2017-STAR-A2

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Center for Environmental Research (NCER)

ITEM:
Notice supporting regular and early career applications proposing innovative research on the prediction, prevention, control and mitigation of freshwater Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) as well as the drivers, life cycle patterns, and fate of and effects from less-common, less-studied, and emerging freshwater HAB species and toxins. Early-career applicants must hold a doctoral degree and be employed in a tenure-track position.

ACTION:
Applications are due by January 4, 2017. Approximately $4 million is available to support four regular awards and three early-career awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY:
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce), National Ocean Service (NOS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a web conference call of the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Federal Advisory Committee to discuss the Committee's work on MPA connectivity, including voting on draft recommendations.

ACTION:
Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting should register in advance by Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The meeting will be held Thursday, November 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Lauren Wenzel, 240/533-0652. Email: lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Navy and Marine Corps Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Education, Outreach and Workforce Program

FON:
N00014-17-S-F002

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

ITEM:
Notice supporting efforts for augmenting existing or developing innovative solutions that directly maintain, or cultivate a diverse, world-class STEM workforce in order to maintain the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps' technological superiority. Projects must aim to increase student engagement in STEM and persistence of students in STEM degrees, while improving student technical capacity from high school to the current naval STEM workforce.

ACTION:
Required white papers are accepted any time before January 3, 2017 for FY 17 funding, and before August 31, 2017 for FY 18 funding. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
PFE: Research Initiation in Engineering Formation

FON:
17-514

AGENCY:
Directorate for Engineering (ENG), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice supporting efforts to create and support an innovative and inclusive engineering profession for the 21st Century. Funds support research that considers the construction of engineering knowledge, engineering identity, and the engineering profession, as well as interventions that expand the boundaries of each of these. Projects should combine engineering approaches with those from learning and cognitive sciences, engineering education, social sciences, and related fields in synergistic ways and enable engineering faculty to develop expertise in engineering education research.

ACTION:
Applications are due by February 23, 2017, and then annually on the last Thursday in February. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to 15 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Elliot Douglas, 703/292-7051. Email: edouglas@nsf.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research & Development (R&D) Services for Chemical/Materials R&D and Sensors/Systems Development

FON:
N00173-17-R-RE01

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking technical support for in-house R&D work and the transition of that work to the field. Funds support efforts to perform basic and applied research and development; to characterize materials and biological systems; to design, synthesize, process, and test, materials; and to design, fabricate, and test sensors and systems in the laboratory and field.

ACTION:
Applications are due by November 28, 2016. One award is anticipated.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=f552451511ca230eb90a8298c504bd21&_cview=0)
CONTACT:  
Constance Reedus, 202/767-3003. Email: constance.reddus@nrl.navy.mil  

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP)  
FON:  
W912HQ-17-S-0001  
AGENCY:  
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)  
ITEM:  
Notice supporting environmental research relevant to the management and mission of the DoD that lead to the development and application of innovative environmental technologies or methods that improve outcomes, manage environmental risks, and/or reduce costs or time required to resolve environmental problems. Focus areas include: Environmental Restoration; Munitions Response; Resource Conservation and Climate Change; and Weapons Systems and Platforms technologies.  
ACTION:  
Required pre-proposals are due by January 5, 2017. Approximately $10 million is available to support multiple awards.  
LINKS:  
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=e5d7aedd4041428bc9f13c4f64b0121b&tab=core&cview=0), Agency Site (https://www.serdp-estcp.org/index.php`)  
CONTACT:  
Jordan Quantock, 703/428-8487. Email: Jordan.M.Quantock@usace.army.mil  

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) Exploratory Development (SEED)  
FON:  
W912HQ-17-S-0002  
AGENCY:  
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)  
ITEM:  
Notice supporting innovative research and development projects to establish proof of concept for innovative environmental technologies and methods in Munitions Response.  
ACTION:  
Applications are due by March 7, 2017. Approximately $200,000 per award is available to support multiple awards
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Transportation and Air Quality Near Road Cooperative Research

FON:
DTFH6117R00003

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

ITEM:
Notice supporting research on comprehensive intermodal and multi-modal transportation planning, enhancement of community and social benefits of highway transportation, improvements to the quality of the natural environment by reducing highway-related pollution and by protecting and enhancing ecosystems, and fair and prudent acquisition and management of real property.

ACTION:
Required white papers are due by November 14, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=13237fee254a861de68e048efa0bd1a9&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Robert Brown, 202/366-9298. Email: Robert.P.Brown@dot.gov

MEETING:
Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award to review and discuss the work of the private sector contractor which assists in administering the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and information received from NIST and from the Chair of the Judges' Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in order to make such suggestions for the improvement of the Award process as the Board deems necessary.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. ET until 3:00 p.m. ET at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Building 101, Lecture Room A, Gaithersburg, MD.
NOTICE:
HydroNEXT: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development of Hydropower in Undeveloped Stream Reaches of the United States

FON:
DE-FOA-0001685

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy) , Golden Field Office

ITEM:
Notice seeking feedback on issues related to development of hydropower in new stream-reaches, especially the costs/benefits and environmental impacts associated with such development, and possible solutions to address the related challenges. The notice is seeking input on the focus and structure of a potential funding opportunity to support research and development of advanced and/or non-traditional transformative hydropower technologies and project designs capable of avoiding or minimizing adverse environmental and social impacts for new cost-competitive hydropower development in undeveloped stream-reaches of the United States.

ACTION:
Responses are due by December 16, 2016.

LINKS:

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