Notices from November 18, 2016 to November 21, 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:
Strengthening Local Independent Media in Belarus
FON:
DRLA-DRLAQ-16-101
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting local independent journalists and media outlets in Belarus to produce fact-based reporting and objective information to increase citizens’ access to objective information about domestic and global issues of public importance, by enhancing local independent media’s ability to engage a larger print and online readership.
ACTION:
Applications are due by January 16, 2017. Approximately $520,000 is available to support one award.
LINKS:
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EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2017 High Priority Grant Program
FON:
FM-MHP-17-001
AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to advance the technological capability and deployment of intelligent transportation system applications for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operations, including CMVs, commercial drivers, and carrier-specific information systems/networks. Funds also support efforts to support/maintain CMV information systems/networks; to link Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration information systems with State CMV information systems; to improve the safety and productivity of CMVs and commercial drivers; to reduce costs associated with CMV operations and
Federal and State CMV regulatory requirements; and carry out activities and projects that augment motor carrier safety activities and projects. Applicants must submit separate applications for deployment efforts and safety activities.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due by January 13, 2017. Approximately $41.57 million is available to support up to 125 awards.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Lester Finkle, 202/366-4474. Email: lester.finkle@dot.gov

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
OJJDP FY 17 National Gang Center

**FON:**
OJJDP-2017-10920

**AGENCY:**
Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications supporting the National Gang Center, which tracks current research and trends on gangs and maintains a database of comprehensive information on the development and implementation of effective gang prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies. Funds support efforts to provide training and technical assistance to DOJ funded programs.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due by January 25, 2017. Approximately $5 million is available to support one award.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Rural Business Development Grant Program To Provide Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

**AGENCY:**
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to provide Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation systems under the Rural Business Development Grant program. Funds support
programs that will improve the economic conditions of rural areas.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due March 31, 2017 to the relevant USDA Rural Development State Office no later than 4:30 pm (local time).

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Contacts vary by state.

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2017

**AGENCY:**
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business Cooperative Service

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications to promote rural economic development and job creation projects.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due December 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, and June 30, 2017. Up to $300,000 per grant award is available.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Contacts vary by state.

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**MEETING:**
Government-Industry Advisory Panel; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:**
Department of Defense (Defense)

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the Government-Industry Advisory Panel. Focus areas include: Ensuring that the Department of Defense (DoD) does not pay more than once for the same work; Ensuring that the DoD contractors are appropriately rewarded for their innovation and invention; Providing for cost-effective reprocurement, sustainment, modification, and upgrades to the DoD systems; Encouraging the private sector to invest in new products, technologies, and processes relevant to the missions of the DoD, and; Ensuring that the DoD has appropriate access to innovative products, technologies, and processes developed by the private sector for commercial use.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the Pentagon Library, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC.
MEETING:
Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of the Interior (Interior)

ITEM:
Notice announcing meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee to provide advice on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their eradication and control. Agenda items include: Strengthening Federal/State coordination; strengthening Federal/Tribal coordination; identifying risks and opportunities for the application of advanced biotechnologies for the eradication or control of invasive species; compiling case studies of invasive species that impact infrastructure; and compiling case studies of invasive species that impact wildlife health.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2016: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; Wednesday, December 7, 2016: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm; Thursday, December 8, 2016: 8:00 am-12:00 pm ET at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian, 4th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Meeting of the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Tribal Relations

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching. The purpose of the meeting is to advise, transmit, examine and evaluate methods of farming and ranching opportunities for Native American producers.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on December 8, 2015, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and December 9, 2015, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm at the Flamingo Hotel, 3555 S. Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, in the El Dorado
MEETING:
National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Research Advisory Council. Agenda items include reviews of the recommendations of the sub-committees on the Air Force Health Study and the Technology Transfer Program and a briefing on the Office of Research and Development Communications Strategy.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2016, from 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 730 at 810 Vermont Ave NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current and future endeavors of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and key issues and concerns impacting the AAPI community; review the work of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and determine key strategies to help meet the Commission's charge.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 1:00 pm—5:30 pm ET and Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 8:30 am—12:30 pm ET at the U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th SW., 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
MEETING:
Sixteenth Meeting of the RTCA Tactical Operations Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

ITEM:

ACTION:
The meeting will be held December 13, 2016, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm ET at RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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NOTICE:
Request for Statement of Interest for Upcoming Boots to Business Funding Opportunity

FON:
B2B-SOI-2017-01

AGENCY:
Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice seeking statements of interest to assist with the delivery of the Boots to Business (B2B) Program – an entrepreneurial development program that provides introductory and follow-on small business ownership education and training to U.S. military service members and spouses. The future funding announcement will focus on the following topics: Follow-on entrepreneurship education and training; Curriculum Continuous Improvement and Innovation; Integration, Operations, and Partnership; Overseas B2B-Transition Assistance Program instruction; and Program Evaluation.

ACTION:
Optional statements of interest are due by December 16, 2016.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Justin Trinidad, 202/245-6321. Email: Justin.Trinidad@ed.gov
NOTICE:
Utilization In the Organized Markets of Electric Storage Resources as Transmission Assets Compensated Through Transmission Rates, for Grid Support Services Compensated in Other Ways, and for Multiple Services; Post-Technical Conference Comments

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy) , Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

ITEM:
Notice seeking comments on a recent technical conference to discuss the utilization of electric storage resources as transmission assets compensated through transmission rates, for grid support services that are compensated in other ways, and for multiple services.

ACTION:
Comments are due by December 18, 2016.

LINKS:

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HEALTH
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Quality Improvement Center for Preventive Services and Interventions in Indian Country

FON:
HHS-2017-ACF-ACYF-CA-1234

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) , Administration on Children, Youth and Families - Children's Bureau

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish a Quality Improvement Center (QIC) on the prevention and intervention of child abuse and neglect in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The QIC will gather, generate, and disseminate knowledge regarding effective practice models for strengths-based, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, and preventive services and interventions for all forms of child maltreatment.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 22, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rapid-Cycle Survey Collaborative for Provider Input on Immunization Issues

FON:
RFA-IP-17-003

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting the collection of a survey from a nationally representative sample of healthcare providers on critical immunization issues of importance. Funds support efforts to: conduct multiple inquiries of providers during each year of the project in order to collect immunization-related data, using scientifically sound methods, with adequate response rates that produce generalizable results; and disseminate those results broadly to assist in informing recommendations for new vaccines, developing strategies to improve immunization coverage, and instituting contingency plans to address urgent problems (e.g., vaccine supply shortages).

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due by January 10, 2017. Applications are due by February 7, 2017. Approximately $1.35 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gregory Anderson, 404/718-8833. Email: GAnderson@cdc.gov

MEETING:
Notice of Joint Meeting by the Urology Interagency Coordinating Committee and the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing that the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee (DMICC) and the Urology Interagency Coordinating Committee (UICC) will hold a joint meeting on “The Urologic Complications of Diabetes.”

ACTION:
The meeting will be held December 16, 2016; from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at the Democracy 2 Building at 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD, in Conference Room 7050.
**SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Biological Technologies EZ

**FON:**
HR001117S0005

**AGENCY:**
DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking proposals for revolutionary research ideas for topics not being addressed by ongoing BTO programs or other published solicitations.

**ACTION:**
Abstracts and Full Proposals will be submitted on a rolling basis until November 21, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

**LINKS:**
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=bfea8ee32cadf55d41bd5672d998c0e2&tab=core&_cview=0)

**CONTACT:**
Email: BTO_EZ@darpa.mil (mailto:BTO_EZ@darpa.mil)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Environmental Research Apprenticeship Program for College and University Students

**FON:**
EPA-G2017-ORD-C1

**AGENCY:**
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to provide training opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students on-site at EPA’s Ground Water and Ecosystems Research Division research facilities. Funds support efforts to ensure that training projects are supportive of the trainees’ academic training. Some appropriate fields of study for trainees include, but are not limited to, environmental science, water policy, chemistry, engineering, computer science, ecology, and physical and biological sciences.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due by January 24, 2017. Approximately $800,000 is available to support one award.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fuel Cells Technologies Office Annual Funding Opportunity Announcement

FON:
DE-FOA-0001647

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting research and development of low-cost hydrogen production, onboard hydrogen storage, and proton exchange membrane fuel cells to advance the widespread commercialization of fuel cell electric vehicles. Focus areas include: Platinum Group Metals (PGM)-free Catalyst and Electrode R&D; Advanced Water Splitting Materials; Hydrogen Storage Materials Discovery; Precursor Development for Low-Cost, High-Strength Carbon Fiber for Use in Composite Overwrapped Pressure Vessel Applications.

ACTION:
Required concept papers are due by December 20, 2016. Applications are due by February 21, 2017. Approximately $30 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:
Grants.gov (http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290183), Solicitation (https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/default.aspx#FoaIdf5ced284-2764-4570-977a-a9187a8e7be7)

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Management and Operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI)

FON:
17-524

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for scientific and technical management and operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative, a large scale ocean observing system that includes an integrated network of cabled and uncabled arrays of instrumentation, distributed in various coastal and global ocean locations, to facilitate Ocean Science research.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due by January 18, 2017. Applications are due by April 17, 2017. Approximately $221 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
Applicants are limited to one proposal as lead awardee. There is no limit as a subawardee.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

FON:
NIJ-2017-11080

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to direct the findings of basic scientific research; research and development in broader scientific fields applicable to forensic science; and ongoing forensic science research toward the development of highly-discriminating, accurate, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid methods for the identification, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence for criminal justice purposes. Focus areas include, but are not limited to: DNA and forensic biology; Forensic crime scene analysis; Forensic anthropology and forensic odontology; Bloodstain pattern analysis; Controlled substances; Fire debris analysis and arson scene investigations; Firearms and tool mark identification; Latent print; Shoeprint/tire tread examination; Questioned documents; Trace evidence; Forensic toxicology; and Medicolegal death investigations, including forensic pathology.

ACTION:
Applications are due by February 28, 2017. Approximately $30 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, 1-800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
ROSES 2016: Advanced Information Systems Technology

FON:
NNH16ZDA001N-AIST

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to identify, develop, and demonstrate advanced information system technologies that: Reduce the risk, cost, size, and development time for Earth science space-based, airborne, and ground-based information systems, Increase the accessibility and utility of science data, and Enable new observations and information products.

ACTION:
Requested notices of intent are due December 21, 2016. Proposals are due February 16, 2017. Approximately $12.5 million is available to support 18 to 20 awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
ROSES 2016: Land Cover/Land Use Change

FON:
NNH16ZDA001N-LCLUC

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals that focuses on analysis at global to regional scales, taking advantage of the synoptic capability afforded by satellite remote sensing and with the understanding that land-use change occurs locally.

ACTION:
Required Step-1 proposals are due December 1, 2016. Proposals are due June 1, 2017. Approximately $2 million is available to support 8 to 10 awards.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Applied Sciences Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee, which functions in an advisory capacity to the Director, Earth Science Division, in the NASA Science Mission Directorate. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the applied sciences community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday, December 8, 2016, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, ET at NASA Headquarters, Room 7Q46, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
KarShelia Henderson, 202/358-2355. Email: khenderson@nasa.gov

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MEETING:
Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Nuclear Energy

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the committee of recent developments and current status of research programs and projects pursued by the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy and receive advice and comments in return from the committee.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Friday, December 9, 2016, 9:00 am-4:30 pm at Westin Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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