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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Building Trilateral Cooperation between Mozambique, South Africa, and Vietnam to Combat Wildlife Trafficking

FON:
SFOP0004251

AGENCY:
Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to catalyze trilateral cooperation between Vietnam, Mozambique, and South Africa to establish trilateral cooperation to combat wildlife trafficking and bring about joint actions to dismantle the transnational networks that perpetrate these crimes. The program should encourage and assist governments to engage in specified activities to counter wildlife crime and promote continued cooperation and engagement to combat the illegal wildlife trade.

ACTION:
Applications are due by May 15, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to support one to three awards.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Notice of Funding Opportunity for American Center - Journalism Club

FON:
SVM700-18-PAS-002

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Vietnam

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to run the Journalism Club at the American Center in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2018. Approximately $10,000 is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program Office, Email: HCMCGrants@state.gov (mailto:HCMCGrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Promoting Democratic Institutions and Accountability in Panama

FON:
S-PM070-18-GR-501

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote democratic institutions and accountability in Panama by developing projects aimed at: supporting Panama's democratic institutions; strengthening civil society; and promoting government accountability and transparency, as well as public access to information.

ACTION:
Optional questions are due April 18, 2018. Applications are due May 4, 2018. Up to $1.26 million is available to fund three to five awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Stephanie Villaronga, 0115073175183. Email: panamagrants@state.gov (mailto:panamagrants@state.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Supporting Civil Society and Media in Ukraine

FON:
SFOP0004199

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for local-level Civil Society Anti-Corruption Oversight in Ukraine; improving Financial Sustainability of Independent Media in Ukraine; and supporting Public Oversight of Security Services in Ukraine.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 18, 2018. Approximately $2.2 million is available to support three awards.

Limited Submission:
Organization can submit up to two proposals.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Questions, Email: DRL-EUR-ProgramInfo@state.gov (mailto:DRL-EUR-ProgramInfo@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Supporting Moldovan Civil Society Criminal Justice Sector Oversight

FON:
INL18GR0017-EA-MODOLVAJUSTICE-031918

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to help the Government support the rule of law through an active involvement of the civil society to monitor and report on perceived selective justice and alleged intimidation incidents in Moldova.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2018. Approximately $100,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Timothy Buckley, Email: BuckleyTP@state.gov (mailto:BuckleyTP@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Ambassador’s Special Self-Help Fund (SSH)

FON:
2018001
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Benin

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to assist Beninese community groups to develop lasting, self-sustainable projects that significantly impact communities by addressing critical health, social, and development concerns.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 31, 2018. Approximately $5,000 each is available for five to 10 awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Cosme Quenu, Email: CotonouGrants@state.gov (mailto:CotonouGrants@state.gov)

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
EDA FY 2016–FY 2019 Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for both Planning and Local Technical Assistance grants under the Economic Development Administration. The Planning program assists eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. The Local Technical Assistance program strengthens the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility analyses and impact studies.

ACTION:
Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received until superseded by a future announcement. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per award ceiling of $300,000. Cost sharing is required with the rate based on regional factors. Applicants must apply to their regional EDA office.

LINKS:
Agency Site (https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/)

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by region.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP): Grants for Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities CFDA Number 84.354A
FON: ED-GRANTS-032118-001

AGENCY: Department of Education (Education), Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to demonstrate innovative methods of helping charter schools to address the cost of acquiring, constructing, and renovating facilities by enhancing the availability of loans and bond financing.

ACTION: Applications are due May 11, 2018. Approximately $65 million is available for seven awards.


CONTACT: Clifton Jones, 202/205-2204. Email: Clifton.Jones@ed.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Native American Independent Living Demonstration Project

FON: HHS-2018-ACL-AOD-ILNA-0290

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to provide the independent living core services including: information and referral; skills training; peer counseling; individual and systems advocacy; and services that facilitate transition from nursing homes and other institutions to the community, assistance to individuals at risk of entering institutions and transition of youth to post secondary life.

ACTION: Applications are due May 18, 2018. Approximately $378,882 is available to support two awards. Nonprofit organizations are eligible.


CONTACT: Kimball Gray, Email: kimball.gray@acl.hhs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation on Prevention and Mitigation of Domestic Pathways to Terrorism

FON: NIJ-2018-13780
AGENCY: Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to conduct comparative and multi-site programmatic evaluations of new and existing demonstration programs to prevent terrorism by way of de-radicalization and disengagement to help the field better understand risk factors and develop risk assessment tools.

ACTION: Applications are due May 21, 2018. Up to $3 million is available for multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

CONTACT: NCJRS Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: NIJ FY18 Research on Reducing Violence in Communities

FON: NIJ-2018-13908

AGENCY: Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to produce sustainable community-level reductions in violence through both empirical and theory-building research that takes into account the complex and interrelated relationships between individual, societal, and environmental factors in understanding the persistently high levels of violence seen in some communities.

ACTION: Applications are due May 21, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

CONTACT: NCJRS Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: OJJDP FY 18 VOCA Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors

FON: OJJDP-2018-13720

AGENCY: Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to enhance the effectiveness of the investigation and prosecution of child abuse.
ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $750,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to one year.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) Program CFDA Number 84.423A

FON:
ED-GRANTS-032118-002

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education), Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop, expand, and evaluate practices that can serve as models that can be sustained and disseminated. The SEED program provides funding to increase the number of highly effective educators by supporting the implementation of evidence-based practices that prepare, develop, or enhance the skills of educators.

ACTION:
Notices of intent to apply are due April 5, 2018. Applications are due May 17, 2018. Awards of up to $6 million are available for five to eight awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Richard Wilson, 202/453-6709. Email: SEED@ed.gov

MEETING:
Meeting of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board. The Board will provide advice as to the capital needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, how those needs can be met through the Program, and what additional steps might be taken to improve the operation and implementation of the Program. The purpose of this meeting is to
update the Board on current program activities, set future meeting dates, enable the Board to make recommendations to the Secretary on the current capital needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and discuss recommendations regarding how the Board might increase its effectiveness.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, CT, in Room 313 (Bowden Alumni Center), Sutton Learning Center Building, St. Philip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive, San Antonio, TX.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Adam H. Kissel, 202/453-6808. Email: Adam.Kissel@ed.gov (mailto:Adam.Kissel@ed.gov)

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**MEETING:**
Notice of a Virtual Meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion

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

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a virtual meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion to identify strategies and proposals to promote and expand apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient. The Task Force is solely advisory in nature, and will consider reports, comments, research, evidence, and existing practices as appropriate to develop recommendations for inclusion in its final report to the President.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET virtually at https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm. Register by April 6, 2018 at https://www.apprenticeshiptaskforce.com/ reg/.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Laurie Rowe, 202/693-2772. Email: Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov (mailto:Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov)

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**NOTICE:**
Freedom of Information Act Regulations

**AGENCY:**
Millennium Challenge Corporation (Millennium Challenge Corporation)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking comments on the procedures by which the Millennium Challenge Corporation proposes to implement the relevant provisions of the Freedom of Information Act as required under
that statute.

**ACTION:**
Comments are due by April 18, 2018 to Tamiko NW Watkins, Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation, 1099 Fourteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Tamiko NW Watkins, 202/521-3730.

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**NOTICE:**
National Boating Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

**AGENCY:**
(Coast Guard), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking seven nominations to the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, including two state officials responsible for state boating safety programs; two representatives of recreational boat and associated equipment manufacturers; and three representatives of national recreational boating organizations or the general public. Applicants are considered for membership on the basis of their particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in recreational boating safety. In addition to recreational boating safety experience, the U.S. Coast Guard is particularly interested in applicants who also have experience developing and implementing national media outreach campaigns designed to influence the decision-making of targeted audiences.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due May 21, 2018.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Jeff Ludwig, 202/372-1061. Email: NBSAC@uscg.mil (mailto:NBSAC@uscg.mil)

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**HEALTH**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Bioequivalence of Topical Products: Elucidating the Thermodynamic and Functional Characteristics of Compositionally Different Topical Formulations (U01)

**FON:**
RFA-FD-18-010

**AGENCY:**
Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to elucidate how systematic alterations to the qualitative (Q1) and/or quantitative (Q2) composition of topical formulations impacts their physical, structural, and functional properties. A key aspect of the research relates to understanding how the thermodynamic properties of a topical dosage form change as it undergoes metamorphosis during dose application and drying on the skin, how the drug's thermodynamic activity profile during the metamorphosis of the dosage form may compare between compositionally different (non-Q1 and/or non-Q2) topical formulations, and how these and other forces may modulate the rate and extent to which topically applied drugs may become available at or near their site(s) of action in the skin.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due April 3, 2018. Applications are due May 19, 2018. The number of awards is contingent upon FDA appropriations to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sam Raney, 240/402-7967. Email: Sameersingh.Raney@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:Sameersingh.Raney@fda.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Characterize skin physiology parameters utilized in dermal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic model development across different skin disease states (U01)

FON:
RFA-FD-18-017

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to identify skin physiology characteristics that differ between healthy and skin disease population groups and incorporate them into dermal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic models to improve their predictability.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due April 12, 2018. Applications are due May 29, 2018. The number of awards is contingent upon FDA appropriations to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Eleftheria Tsakalozou, 240/402-2726. Email: Eleftheria.Tsakalozou@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:Eleftheria.Tsakalozou@fda.hhs.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Coordinating Center to Support NIDA Rural Opioid HIV and Comorbidity Initiative (U24 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-DA-19-004

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) , National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to create and manage an interdisciplinary Coordinating Center to formalize and centralize support of the rural opioid initiative administered by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The Coordinating Center will provide scientific, technical, regulatory, ethical, and logistical support of data comparability, new data collection, and data integration; developing integrated rural opioid initiative datasets; assisting grantees with acquisition and analysis of local administrative and/or research datasets that enable evaluation of their implementation activities or augment their community assessments; conducting requested analyses that relate to the integrated rural opioid initiative datasets; developing and executing a rural opioid initiative publication and dissemination plan; and providing logistical support for in-person meetings, conference calls, and webinars that include the rural opioid initiative grantees and funders.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due August 15, 2018. $750,000 is available in FY 19 to fund one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Richard Jenkins, 301/443-1923. Email: jenkinsri@mail.nih.gov (mailto:jenkinsri@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country Institutions (D43 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-717

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to strengthen the scientific capacity of institutions in low- and middle-income countries to conduct HIV research relevant to the evolving HIV epidemic in their country.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 Days prior to the application due date. Applications are due August 23, 2018. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to five years.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
See list in the solicitation

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Formulation drug product quality attributes in dermal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic models for topical dermatological drug products and transdermal delivery systems (U01)

FON:
RFA-FD-18-019

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to incorporate drug product quality attributes into dermal physiologically-based pharmacokinetic models developed for dermatological topical dosage forms and transdermal delivery systems. The developed models will be utilized to identify drug-product specific critical quality attributes (model qualification) and perform virtual bioequivalence assessments between brand name and generic drug products to inform regulatory decisions relating to the development of dermatological drug products.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due April 11, 2018. Applications are due May 28, 2018. The number of awards is contingent upon FDA appropriations to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Eleftheria Tsakalozou, 240/402-2726. Email: Eleftheria.Tsakalozou@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:Eleftheria.Tsakalozou@fda.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
International Bioethics Research Training Program (D43 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-716

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to conduct original empirical or conceptual ethics research that addresses challenging issues in health research and research policy in low and middle-income countries as well as provide research ethics leadership to their institutions, governments and international research organizations.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due May 17, 2018. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Barbara Sina, 301/401-9467. Email: sinab@mail.nih.gov (mailto:sinab@mail.nih.gov); Ebony Madden, 301/503-5620. Email: ebony.madden@nih.gov (mailto:ebony.madden@nih.gov)

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MEETING:
Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting with discussion of current topics and presentations about activities being conducted by EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 22, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm ET at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Courtney McCubbin, 202/564-2436. Email: mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov (mailto:mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov)

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MEETING:
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; Notice of Meetings

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Advisory Council with a report from the Institute Director and other staff.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 10, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.
MEETING:
Office of The Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting with a report from the working group on ethical consideration for industry partnership on research to help end the opioid crisis.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 6, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm ET via teleconference. Telephone conference number is 888-324-9616; access code is 1986191.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gretchen Wood, 301/496-4272. Email: Woodgs@od.nih.gov (mailto:Woodgs@od.nih.gov)

MEETING:
Office of the Secretary; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting to update one another on progress relevant to the Action Plan for the Muscular Dystrophies and to coordinate activities and discuss gaps and opportunities leading to better understanding of the muscular dystrophies, advances in treatments, and improvements in patients' and their families' lives.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 30, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm ET by live webcast. Register at https://meetings.ninds.nih.gov/?ID=19167.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Glen Nuckolls, 301/496-5745. Email: glen.nuckolls@ninds.nih.gov (mailto:glen.nuckolls@ninds.nih.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2019 Earthquake Hazards External Grants Program

FON:
G18AS00021

AGENCY:
Department of the Interior (Interior), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support research in earthquake hazards, the physics of earthquakes, earthquake occurrence, and earthquake safety policy. Specific research priorities for FY 19 include: national and regional earthquake hazards assessments; earthquake information, monitoring, and notification; research on earthquake occurrence, physics, effects, impacts, and risks; and earthquake safety policy and communication.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 22, 2018. Up to $7 million will be available for 70 to 100 awards with a ceiling of $100,000 per award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Maggie Eastman, 703/648-7366. Email: mrussell@usgs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Announcement for proposals to provide NRCS easement programs restoration assistance.

FON:

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for restoration of degraded wetlands, floodplains, forestlands, and associated uplands within the purview of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Funds support designing the restoration plan, locating the practice site on the ground for layout work, staking the job for construction work, construction, and construction management. Funds also support efforts to design restoration plan, install, provide the inspection and quality control for installation, and monitor of each restoration project awarded.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 18, 2018. Approximately $250 million is anticipated for 50 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Danielle Balduff, Email: danielle.balduff@wdc.usda.gov
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Climate Variability and Predictability

FON:
NOAA-OAR-CPO-2018-2005492

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to advance the knowledge of the dynamics, and sources of predictability, of the coupled ocean-atmosphere-land-ice system across all climate time scales by using observations, modeling, research, analysis, and field studies to gain a process-level understanding of how the system interacts.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due April 2, 2018. Applications are due May 18, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Diane Brown, Email: diane.brown@noaa.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fiscal Year 2019 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) - AF and Army Submissions

FON:
FOA-AFRL-AFOSR-2018-0002; W911NF18S0002

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals from universities to purchase equipment and instrumentation in support of research in areas of interest to the DoD. Air Force research priorities include nine foci in Engineering Complex Systems; nine foci in Information and Networks; 11 foci in Physical Sciences; and six foci in Chemistry and Biological Sciences. Army research priorities include various foci in the Chemical Sciences; Physics; Life Sciences; Mechanical Sciences; Electronics; Materials Sciences; Earth Sciences; Computing Sciences; Mathematical Sciences; and Network Sciences.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 6, 2018. Approximately $47 million is available for multiple awards with a ceiling of $1.5 million per award and a floor of $50,000 per award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by service branch.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Pacific-AFRL-National Agency Computing Environment for Analytics (PANACEA)

FON:
FA9451-18-S-0002

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers for research and development solutions that lower barriers to high productivity computing by creating a modern ecosystem with the following objectives: ensuring simple, secure access to DoD high performance computing systems; employing collaboration tools; developing integrated user workflow tools; providing persistent storage to support large data sets of multiple users; enabling cross-system portability; and delivering accessible, flexible, and secure above-secret computing.

ACTION:
White papers are due April 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm MT. Approximately $1.8 million is available in FY 19 to fund multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Robyn Kedrow, 505/846-1485. Email: robyn.kedrow@us.af.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Quantum Testbed Pathfinder

FON:
DE-FOA-0001895

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to explore the suitability of various implementations of quantum computing hardware for science applications. This foundational research will facilitate the development of device architectures well-suited for scientific applications of quantum computing and improve our understanding of the advantages and limitations of various approaches to quantum computing for science applications.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due April 16, 2018 at 5pm. Applications are due May 14, 2018. Approximately $10 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Claire Cramer, 301/903-5384. Email: Claire.cramer@science.doe.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
ROSES 2017: K2 Guest Observer Cycle 6

FON:
NNH17ZDA001N-K2GO6

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to utilize the original space-borne hardware and ground-based operations of the Kepler mission for a pointed survey of predetermined locations along the ecliptic plane. Both small (fewer than 1,000 targets) and large (1,000 or more targets) proposals are available.

ACTION:
Proposals are due April 19, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Small proposals have an award ceiling of $50,000, while large proposals have a ceiling of $150,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mario Perez, 202/358-1535. Email: mario.perez@nasa.gov (mailto:mario.perez@nasa.gov)

MEETING:
Advisory Committee for Geosciences

AGENCY:
Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences. The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight on support for geoscience research and education including atmospheric, geo-space, earth, ocean and polar sciences.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 25, 2018; 10:00 am-4:00 pm ET, April 26, 2018; 10:00 am-3:00 pm ET at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia (Virtual). Updates to the agenda and a link for accessing this virtual meeting will be posted on the AC GEO website at: www.nsf.gov/geo/advisory.jsp.

LINKS:

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AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Coal Council (NCC) with the following agenda: electing the NCC chair and vice-chair; keynote remarks by the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy; keynote remarks by the Director of Advanced Technologies for China's National Institute of Clean and Low-Carbon Energy; presentations by the CEO of RAMACO, the Director of Market Strategy & Business Development for CONSOL Energy, and the Director of the Fossil Transition Project with the Clean Air Task Force; and public comments.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 12, 2018 from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm ET at the Wink Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Next-Generation Non-Surgical Neurotechnology (N3) Proposers Day

FON:
DARPA-SN-18-38

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Biological Technologies Office (BTO)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a Proposers Day in support of a planned Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for the Next-Generation Non-Surgical Neurotechnology (N3) program. The goal of the Next-Generation Non-Surgical Neurotechnology program is to create a high-resolution nonsurgical bidirectional neural interface.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 3, 2018, at the DARPA Conference Center in Arlington, VA. Advance registration is required. Registrations are due March 28, 2018 or when capacity is reached. Webinar participation will close March 30, 2018.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=464ad1107480ce09dfe32f8908d6fcb3&tab=core&_cview=0)

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NOTICE:
Request for Nominations of Candidates to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)
AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations to join the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards.

ACTION:
Nominations are due April 20, 2018.

LINKS:

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