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**ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL**
**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Adapting USAID’s Democracy, Rights, and Governance (DRG) Programming to Better Address Global Trends and Challenges

**FON:**
OAA-DRG-002018

**AGENCY:**
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking expressions of interest to support efforts to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate on research and development interventions to improve delivery of Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance. Focus areas include: Enabling and Protecting Civic Space; and, Advancing Integrity in Media.

**ACTION:**
Required expressions of interest are due May 29, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Program staff, Email: DRG_BAA@usaid.gov (mailto:DRG_BAA@usaid.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Caribbean Anti-Crime Project

FON:  
SFOP0005006

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

ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to address in a holistic manner a set of inter-related law enforcement and criminal justice sector challenges affecting institutions in the Caribbean region. Funds support efforts to provide targeted technical assistance to countries and facilitate the exchange of best practices and strategies for strengthening the rule of law and improving justice delivery among partner nations.

ACTION:  
Applications are due by June 29, 2018. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Ivan Carpio, Email: CarpioIP@state.gov (mailto:CarpioIP@state.gov). CC to Cheryl Price, Email: PriceCH@state.gov (mailto:PriceCH@state.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Nutrition Innovations in Complex Environments

FON:  
7200AA18R00044

AGENCY:  
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:  
Notice seeking expressions of interest to support efforts to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate on research and development innovations to prevent and treat nutrition vulnerabilities in complex environments. Funds support efforts improving the effectiveness of interventions, including treatment of acute malnutrition, including sustainable, cost-effective and scalable innovative approaches to prevent and treat nutrition vulnerabilities of adolescent girls and mothers and children. Regions of interest include East Africa, especially regions of Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Rwanda that face chronic, complex environmental and developmental challenges and where chronic and acute malnutrition, and food insecurity remain a substantial challenge.

ACTION:  
Required expressions of interest are due June 1, 2018 at 10:00 am ET. Approximately $2 million is available to support up to four awards.

LINKS:  
CONTACT:
Program staff, Email: BAANutrition@usaid.gov (mailto:BAANutrition@usaid.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Strategic Communications for Counterterrorism Law Enforcement Officials -- Bangladesh

FON:
SFOP0005005

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Counterterrorism

ITEM:
Notice seeking an implementer that will develop and deploy a suite of services to build Bangladeshi law enforcement capacity to conduct strategic communications, which may consist of training module(s), tabletop exercises, embedded mentors and advisors, and other instructional mechanisms tailor-made for civilian security officials engaged in countering terrorist activities and threats in Bangladesh. Proposals should focus on efforts to build the strategic communications capacity of Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi, and Chittagong's Metropolitan Police units, who are responsible for implementing counterterrorism law enforcement operations.

ACTION:
Applications are due by June 5, 2018. Approximately $888,750 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
One application per applicant organization

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program staff, Email: bernsteinba@state.gov (mailto:bernsteinba@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Tomorrow's Leaders Study Abroad Oversight, Monitoring and Support

FON:
SFOP0005014

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Assistance Coordination

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for efforts to enhance the Tomorrow's Leaders (TL) Undergraduate Scholarship Program, an innovative civic leadership opportunity for approximately 55 qualified yet underserved students at select U.S.-accredited universities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Funds support projects: providing oversight, monitoring, and support to students studying in the United States, analyzing, assessing, and making recommendations for improvements to the study abroad component of the TL program, and liaising with TL undergraduate scholarship program implementers. Students come from across the MENA region, including: Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen.
ACTION:
Optional notifications of intent to apply are due May 31, 2018. Applications are due June 21, 2018. Approximately $285,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
Applicants may submit only one (1) application

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sara Curley, Email: NEA-Grants@state.gov (mailto:NEA-Grants@state.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Transatlantic Relations

FON:
S-BE-300-2018-USEUPA-001

AGENCY:
Department of State (State) , Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support efforts to advance the U.S.-EU partnership on common foreign policy and security objectives, such as: EU-NATO security cooperation; collective defense responsibilities; countering disinformation; counter terrorism; transnational law enforcement; North Korea; Syria; Iran; and other subjects. Funds also support projects: Strengthening the Transatlantic economic relationship and growth in American prosperity and economic security, to include subjects such as free and fair trade; data privacy; Enhancing European energy security; and Increasing understanding of and cooperation on America and Europe's shared values and principles.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 15, 2018. Approximately $300,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program staff, Email: useupa@state.gov (mailto:useupa@state.gov)

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EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 18 Adult Reentry and Employment Strategic Planning Program

FON:
BJA-2018-13633

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice) , Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by incarcerated adults re-entering their communities and the workforce, as well as recidivism reduction.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 18, 2018. Awards are up to $200,000 each. Partnership opportunities exist for colleges and universities.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center, 800-851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families

FON:
HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CA-1351

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies that embrace proactive efforts to build on the strengths of families, including those at high risk for child maltreatment.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due June 3, 2018. Applications are due July 3, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available for four awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Beth Claxon, 888-203-6161. Email: CB@grantreview.org (mailto:CB@grantreview.org)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Defraying Costs of Enrolling Displaced Students

FON:
ED-GRANTS-050318-001

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting institutions of higher education (IHEs) defray their unexpected expenses associated with enrolling displaced students from IHEs at which operations have been disrupted by a covered disaster or emergency, namely Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and the wildfires in calendar year 2017.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $75 million is available to support up to 250 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
James Davis, 202-453-7814. Email: James.Davis@ed.gov (mailto:James.Davis@ed.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program

FON:
ED-GRANTS-050318-002

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

ITEM:
Notice seeking grant applications to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) for emergency assistance in areas directly affected by a covered disaster or emergency: Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and the wildfires in calendar year 2017. Funds support emergency assistance for any purpose authorized under the HEA, with a priority towards projects that support students who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as a result of displacement, and IHEs that have sustained extensive damage, by a covered disaster or emergency.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due by June 4, 2018. Approximately $100,000 is available to support 150 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Beatriz Ceja, 202-453-6239. Email: Beatriz.Ceja@ed.gov (mailto:Beatriz.Ceja@ed.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects

FON:
OVC-2018-14080
AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support efforts to enable an organization to provide financial and technical assistance to approximately 90 communities nationwide to conduct public education and awareness activities on crime victims’ rights and services in their jurisdictions during the 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Awardees will financially, programmatically, and administratively support approximately 90 subgrants of up to $5,000 each to communities and victim assistance organizations nationwide and to provide technical assistance to the recipient organizations.

ACTION:
Applications are due by June 18, 2018. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center, 800-851-3420. Email grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OJJDP FY 18 Supporting Tribal Youth: Training, Technical Assistance and Youth Leadership

FON:
OJJDP-2018-13518

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Provention (OJJDP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to: 1) provide training and technical assistance to all federally recognized tribes around juvenile justice issues (including intensive support to OJJDP's tribal program grantees) and 2) support and enhance tribal youth engagement, coordination, and action related to juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and public safety issues. This FOA offers two categories for funding.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 18, 2018. Up to $2 million is available for one award (Category 1) to support a project lasting up to one year. Approximately up to $500,000 is available for one award (Category 2) to support a project lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Response Center, 800–851–3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Strengthening Child Welfare Systems to Achieve Expected Child and Family Outcomes
FON:
HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CO-1360

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies that focus on better adoption outcomes by improving basic social work, legal, and judicial practice in order to eliminate systemic barriers to adoption, failed entry into foster care, and other forms of permanency.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due June 3, 2018. Applications are due July 18, 2018. Approximately $8 million is available for five awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Serena Williams, Email: CB@grantreview.org (mailto:CB@grantreview.org)

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
AHRQ Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36)

FON:
PA-18-765

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing support to individuals who are conducting research undertaken as part of an accredited academic program to qualify for a research doctorate degree.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the deadlines. The deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1 annually through May 2, 2023. Awards are up to $40,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Research Education, Email: trainingTA@ahrq.hhs.gov (mailto:trainingTA@ahrq.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BRAIN Initiative: Development and Validation of Novel Tools to Probe Cell-Specific and Circuit-Specific Processes in the Brain (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
FON:  
RFA-MH-19-136  

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

ITEM:  
Notice supporting applications that will develop and validate novel tools to facilitate the detailed analysis of complex circuits and provide insights into cellular interactions that underlie brain function. The new tools and technologies should inform and/or exploit cell-type and/or circuit-level specificity. The development of new genetic and non-genetic tools for delivering genes, proteins and chemicals to cells of interest or approaches that are expected to target specific cell types and/or circuits in the nervous system with greater precision and sensitivity than currently established methods are encouraged.  

ACTION:  
Optional letters of intent are due August 27, 2018. Applications are due September 27, 2018; September 6, 2019; and September 9, 2020. Approximately $8 million is available to support six to nine awards.  

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Michelle Freund, 301/443-1815. Email: BRAIN-info-NIMH@mail.nih.gov (mailto:BRAIN-info-NIMH@mail.nih.gov)  

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Catalyzing Innovation in Late Phase Clinical Trial Design and Statistical Analysis Plans (U34 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)  

FON:  
RFA-HL-19-027  

AGENCY:  
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)  

ITEM:  
Notice seeking application to support planning activities for late phase (phase II and beyond) single-site or multi-site investigator-initiated clinical trials that address critical clinical questions within the mission of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and that require non-traditional clinical trial designs with the opportunity for statistical novelty and/or innovation. Funds support the development of feasible and well-designed clinical trials utilizing consultative services provided by the Innovative Clinical Trials Resource.  

ACTION:  
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the chosen due date. Applications are due July 19, 2018; and October 19, 2018. Approximately $1.875 million is available to support 10 awards.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Varies by subject area

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Catalyzing Innovation in Late Phase Clinical Trial Design and Statistical Analysis Plans Resource Access (X01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
FON:
PAR-18-768
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide access to a consultative resource for planning activities for late phase (phase II and beyond) single-site or multi-site investigator-initiated clinical trials that address critical clinical questions within the mission of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and that require non-traditional clinical trial designs with the opportunity for statistical novelty and/or innovation. Funds will support the development of feasible and well-designed clinical trials utilizing consultative services provided by the Innovative Clinical Trials Resource.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the chosen due date. Applications are due July 19, 2018; and October 19, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Varies by subject area

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Lung Cancer, Career Development Award
FON:
W81XWH-18-LCRP-CDA
AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)
ITEM:
Notice supporting applications for early-career, independent investigators to conduct impactful research under the mentorship of an experienced lung cancer researcher as an opportunity to obtain the funding, mentoring, and experience necessary for productive, independent careers at the forefront of lung cancer research. Funds support efforts to eradicate deaths and suffering from lung cancer to
better the health and welfare of the military Service members, Veterans, and the American public. Funds support and integrate research from multiple disciplines for risk assessment, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for the control and cure of lung cancer.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due September 6, 2018. Approximately $1.2 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Lung Cancer, Concept Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-LCRP-CA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking application to support the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to lung cancer. Funds support efforts to eradicate deaths and suffering from lung cancer to better the health and welfare of the military Service members, Veterans, and the American public. Funds support and integrate research from multiple disciplines for risk assessment, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for the control and cure of lung cancer.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due by July 26, 2018. Approximately $2.24 million is available to support up to 14 awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Lung Cancer, Idea Development Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-LCRP-IDA
AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support conceptually innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that could lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate progress toward eradicating deaths and suffering from lung cancer. Funds support efforts to eradicate deaths and suffering from lung cancer to better the health and welfare of the military Service members, Veterans, and the American public. Funds support and integrate research from multiple disciplines for risk assessment, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for the control and cure of lung cancer. Program supports two types of awards: Established Investigator; and New Investigator.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 26, 2018. Approximately $3.36 million is available to support six awards between the two types.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Lung Cancer, Investigator-Initiated Translational Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-LCRP-IITRA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting translational research that will develop promising ideas in lung cancer into clinical applications. Funds support efforts to eradicate deaths and suffering from lung cancer to better the health and welfare of the military Service members, Veterans, and the American public. Funds support and integrate research from multiple disciplines for risk assessment, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for the control and cure of lung cancer.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due by June 26, 2018. Approximately $2.56 million is available to support approximately four awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
CDMRP Help Desk, 301-682-5507. Email: help@eBRAP.org
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Lung Cancer, Translational Research Partnership Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-LCRP-TRPA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting the development of translational research collaborations between two independent, faculty level (or equivalent) investigators to address a central problem or question in lung cancer in a manner that would be less readily achievable through separate efforts. Mechanism supports partnerships between clinicians and research scientists that will accelerate the movement of promising ideas in lung cancer into clinical applications. Funds support efforts to eradicate deaths and suffering from lung cancer to better the health and welfare of the military Service members, Veterans, and the American public. Funds support and integrate research from multiple disciplines for risk assessment, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for the control and cure of lung cancer.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 26, 2018. Approximately $2.88 million is available to support two awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Multiple Sclerosis, Exploration- Hypothesis Development Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-MSRP-EHDA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the Multiple Sclerosis research field to include a well-formulated, testable hypothesis based on strong scientific rationale and study design. Examples of acceptable studies include, but are not limited to, the roles of: Inhibitory factors, Trophic factors, Cell intrinsic factors, Cell-cell interactions and Epigenetic control. The study must leverage pre-existing specimens and/or data that are available at the time of application submission.

ACTION:
Pre-applications are due June 26, 2018. Applications are due October 18, 2018. Up to $6 million is available for six awards to support projects lasting up to two years.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD PRMRP Clinical Trial Award

FON:
W81XWH18PRMRPCTA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to implement clinical trials with the potential to have a significant impact on a disease or condition, amongst military Service members, Veterans, and beneficiaries. Medical conditions vary and include all areas of human science ranging from chronic pain and congenital heart disease to pressure ulcers ronchiolitis and metals toxicology.

ACTION:
Pre-applications are due June 25, 2018. Invited applications are due September 27, 2018. Approximately $48 million is available for eight awards to support projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Cooperative Agreements (Short Title: MHTTC)

FON:
SM-18-015

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to join a cluster of national mental health technology transfer centers to ensure that high-quality, effective mental health disorder treatment, recovery support services, and evidence-based practices are available for all individuals with mental disorders including, in particular, those with serious mental illness.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 3, 2018. Approximately $745,000 is available, per award, for 13 awards to support projects lasting up to five years.
MEETING:
Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health (ICSH)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health to discuss the history and context of the intersection of tobacco use and behavioral health populations including those suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on June 14, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET at the Wink Hotel, New Hampshire Ballroom, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The public is also welcome to join the audio portion of the meeting. Call 800-779-6170 and enter the participant code: 8694592.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Monica Swann, 202-245-0552. Email: zqe0@cdc.gov

MEETING:
Medicare Program: Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (the Panel) Meeting on August 20-21, 2018

AGENCY:
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment to discuss agency procedures, group structure, the packaging of OPPS services and costs, procedure claims data and additional business related issues.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held August 20, 2018 from 9:30 am to 5 pm ET and August 21, 2018 from 9:30 am to 1 pm ET at the Auditorium at the CMS Single Site campus, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD. Members of the public must register to attend from June 25 to July 30, 2018. Register here: https://www.cms.gov/ (https://www.cms.gov/apps/events/default.asp. No registration is required to view the webcast: http://cms.gov/live
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Elise Barringer, 410-786-9222. Email: APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov (mailto:APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov)

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MEETING:
Meeting of the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force to identify, review, and determine whether there are gaps or inconsistencies between best practices for pain management, including chronic and acute pain, developed or adopted by federal agencies; propose updates to best practices and recommendations on addressing identified gaps or inconsistencies; provide the public with an opportunity to comment on any proposed updates and recommendations; and develop a strategy for disseminating such proposed updates and recommendations to relevant federal agencies and the general public.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 30, 2018, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm ET and Thursday, May 31, 2018, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm ET at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Great Hall, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alicia Richmond Scott, Email: paintaskforce@hhs.gov (mailto:paintaskforce@hhs.gov)

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MEETING:
National Eye Institute; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Eye Council to hear opening remarks by the Director of the National Eye Institute and staff presentations concerning Institute programs.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 14, 2018 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm ET at NIH, National Eye Institute, 5635 Fishers Lane, Terrace Level Conference Rooms, Rockville, MD.
**MEETING:**
Stakeholder Listening Session in Preparation for the 71st World Health Assembly; Meeting

**AGENCY:**
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a Stakeholder Listening Session to help the HHS Office of Global Affairs prepare the U.S. delegation for the World Health Assembly by taking full advantage of the knowledge, ideas, feedback, and suggestions from all individuals interested in and affected by agenda items to be discussed at the 71st World Health Assembly.

**ACTION:**
RSVPs are required by May 7, 2018. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 11th, 2018, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm ET at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Auditorium, 200 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Program staff, Email: OGA.RSVP@hhs.gov (mailto:OGA.RSVP@hhs.gov)

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**SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Affordable and Sustainable Energy Crops (ASEC)

**FON:**
DE-FOA-0001917

**AGENCY:**
Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking application to support efforts to accelerate research and development related to the production of affordable and sustainable non-food energy crops that can be used as feedstocks for the production of price-competitive biofuels and bioproducts. Projects must focus on newer, less well studied varieties/cultivars of energy crops that have not been extensively tested in the field, specifically research around energy crop genotypes/cultivars/varieties that have been developed but have not yet been brought into widespread commercial use due to a need for additional evaluation and data collection. A 20 percent cost share is required.

**ACTION:**
Required letters of intent are due by May 30, 2018. Approximately $15 million is available to support three to six awards.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program staff, Email: BETOEnergyCropsFOA@ee.doe.gov (mailto:BETOEnergyCropsFOA@ee.doe.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BioEnergy Engineering for Products Synthesis (BEEPS)

FON:
DE-FOA-0001916

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy) , Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to address gaps in current research and development which hinder better utilizing waste streams, improving organic and inorganic catalysts to increase conversion efficiency and decrease costs, and creating high-value performance-advantaged bioproducts to allow for more profitable biorefineries. Topic areas include: ChemCatBio Industrial Partnerships; Agile BioFoundry Industry Partnership Initiative; Performance Advantage Bioproducts; Biofuels and Bioproducts from Wet Organic Waste Streams; Rewiring Carbon Utilization; and Lignin Valorization.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due by May 30, 2018. Approximately $28 million is available to support 14-28 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program Staff, Email: BETOBEEPSFOA@ee.doe.gov (mailto:BETOBEEPSFOA@ee.doe.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Communications and Networking Discovery and Invention

FON:
N00014-18-S-B005

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to support the Navy's Information Warfare vision by developing measurable advances in technology that can directly enable and enhance end-to-end connectivity and quality-of-service for mission-critical information exchange among widely dispersed naval, joint, and coalition forces.

ACTION:
White papers are due June 22, 2018. Full proposals are due September 28, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

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Santanu Das, Email: santanu.das@navy.mil (mailto:santanu.das@navy.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Efficient Carbon Utilization in Algal Systems

FON:
DE-FOA-0001908

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy) , Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support accelerate the commercialization of algal biofuels and support the bioeconomy by lowering the costs of production for algal biofuels and bioproducts. Topic areas include: CO2 Utilization within Algae Cultivation Systems; and Direct Air Capture Systems. A 20 percent cost share is required.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due by May 30, 2018. Approximately $15 million is available to support one to ten awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-1: (RII Track-1)

FON:
18-558

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support improvements to physical and cyber infrastructure and human capital development in research areas selected by the jurisdiction's EPSCoR steering committee as
having the best potential to improve future R&D competitiveness of the jurisdiction. A jurisdiction is eligible to participate if their most recent 3-year level of NSF research support is equal to or less than 0.75% of the total NSF Research and Related Activities budget.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due July 3, 2018. Approximately $20 million is available to support five awards. A 20 percent cost share is required.

Limited Submission:
An eligible EPSCoR jurisdiction may submit only one Research Infrastructure Improvement Track-1 proposal in response to this solicitation

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sean Kennan, 703-292-7575. Email: skennan@nsf.gov (mailto:skennan@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Priorities: PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

FON:
EPA-G2018-ORD-A1

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research the impacts of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on water quality and availability across the U.S. with an emphasis on: 1) the fate and transport of short and long-chain PFAS in the environment; 2) comprehensive human and ecosystem exposure to PFAS; and 3) PFAS toxicity, modes of action and other topics related to hazard assessment.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $2 million, per award, is available for two awards to support projects lasting up to three years. Applicants must contribute a minimum 25 percent match that may include in-kind contributions.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michael Hiscock, 202-564-4453.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
New and Innovative Ideas for Air, Space and Missile Defense Technology Broad Agency Announcement

FON:
W9113M-18-R-BAA1
AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Army Contracting Command

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers to support research into new and innovative ideas for air, space and missile defense technology. Focus areas include: Tactically Responsive Space; Space Superiority; Integrated Air and Missile Defense/Homeland Defense; Directed Energy; High Altitude; Cybersecurity; Positioning, Navigation, Timing/Navigational Warfare; Global Satellite Communications; and Test, Lethality, and Survivability.

ACTION:
White papers are accepted until May 2, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=f3b4c95f1e7be02a0760e2d94fd0be82&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
James Kenney, 256-955-5986. Email: james.p.kenney.civ@mail.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Process Development for Advanced Biofuels and Biopower

FON:
DE-FOA-0001926

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

ITEM:
Notice seeking application to support efforts to identify, evaluate, and select applications proposing research, development and execution plans to test engineering principles and unit operations for the production and testing of Drop-in Renewable Jet Fuel Blendstocks and Drop-In Renewable Diesel Fuel Blendstocks from eligible feedstocks. Focus areas include: Drop-in Renewable Jet Fuel Blendstocks; Drop-in Renewable Diesel Fuel Blendstocks; and Biomass, Biosolids, and Municipal Solid Waste to Energy. A 20 percent cost share is required.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due by May 30, 2018. Approximately $20 million is available to support five to eleven awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program staff, Email: BETOPDABBFOA@ee.doe.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
ROSES 2018: A.4 Terrestrial Ecology: Arctic-Boreal Vulnerability Experiment – Phase 2
FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-TE

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research activities proposed fall under the ROSES omnibus, a funding opportunity filled with many individual program elements, in which each program has its own due date and focus areas to include Astrophysics Research (SOFIA Next Generation Instrument), New Frontiers Data Analysis, Heliophysics Supporting Research, Terrestrial Ecology and Planetary Major Equipment and Facilities.

ACTION:
Phase I application due dates range between June and July. Approximately under $100K is available, per year, for limited efforts (e.g., data analysis) and up to $1 million, per year, for extensive activities (e.g., development of hardware for science experiments and/or flight).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Hank Margolis, 202-358-4760. Email: hank.a.margolis@nasa.gov

MEETING:
Notice of Stakeholder Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to solicit comments and suggestions from stakeholders in the railroad and trucking industries on issues facing the agency in its administration of the whistleblower protection provisions of the Federal Railroad Safety Act, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, the National Transit Systems Security Act, and Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on June 12, 2018, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET in Room N-3437 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Attendees must register by May 29, 2018: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/occupational-safety-and-health-administration-stakeholder-meeting-registration-45311347460 (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/occupational-safety-and-health-administration-stakeholder-meeting-registration-45311347460)

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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NOTICE:
Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) Membership

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB). The ELAB is a multi-stakeholder federal advisory committee that provides independent advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator and the Science Advisor about cross-cutting issues related to enhancing EPA’s measurement programs, and facilitating the operation and expansion of national environmental accreditation.

ACTION:
Submissions are due June 1, 2018. Nominations can be submitted via email to Dr. Thomas O'Farrell, Designated Federal Officer. Email: ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov

LINKS:

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