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Farm bill edges toward law, adopts academic proposals

Congress last week passed and sent to the White House a \$300 billion Farm Bill which would reorganize the Agriculture Department's grant rich Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, creating a new "National Institute for Food and Agriculture."

The institute, patterned somewhat after the National Institutes of Health, would renew CSREES programs, including its flagship National Research Grants Initiative, which would be renamed the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative. The bill would authorize up to \$700 million for the program, currently funded at \$191 million.

Lawmakers said the new setup is designed to "give USDA's grantmaking research agency additional visibility, independence and scientific credibility."

Higher education representatives praised the bill, which they said adopts key restructuring proposals advanced by agriculture deans several years ago. The "CREATE-21" initiative called for reconstituting CSREES as NIFA.

"The legislation will provide enhanced integration among USDA's science agencies," said Peter McPherson, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. It also will provide "expanded funding for the vital...competitive programs" that support academic institutions, he said.

The measure also reflects other CREATE-21 and NASULGC proposals, including lifting the current 19 percent cap on indirect costs for competitive grants to 22 percent. And it calls for:

- Presidential nomination and Senate confirmation of a distinguished scientist to be appointed to a six-year term as NIFA director; and
- Creating a road map along the lines of NIH's process for guiding USDA science agencies.

The bill still faces a threatened presidential veto and a probable congressional override. ■

Grants alert

Preventing trauma in high-risk occupations (NIMH)

Scope: The National Institute of Mental Health seeks applications to advance research on preventive approaches to address trauma, prior to exposure, for members of the military and other high-risk occupations.

Deadline: Nov. 21.

Funds: \$1.6 million over two years for four to six grants.

Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories and state and local governments.

Areas: Emphasis is on research that will contribute directly to establishing empirically demonstrated methods of preventing the development of trauma-related disorders among high trauma exposure occupational groups.

Topics include:

- Testing theoretical models and mechanisms of exposure risk and resilience.
- Experimental studies to learn whether certain factors protect against stress reactions.
- Developing and testing new prevention strategies.
- Developing and refining measures of risk, resilience and post-traumatic outcomes in the context of pilot interventions.
- Examining existing training and preparation activities that have a beneficial effect on post-trauma adjustment at the organizational, group, individual and family level.
- Examining the potential economic costs and benefits of various intervention strategies and their impact on organizations.

➔ Farris Tuma, (301)443-3648; ✉ ftuma@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-08-010.html>

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Grants alert (cont.)

Rigorous career, technical education (ED)

Scope: The Education Department invites applications under the first competition of a new program dedicated to strengthening states' capacity to develop challenging academic and technical education programs.

Deadline: July 7.

Funds: \$750,000 in first-year funding for six awards of \$120,000 to \$130,000. ED anticipates \$500,000 total for the second year of the 24-month project period. Awards are cooperative agreements, which indicate substantial agency involvement in the projects.

Eligibility: A state board that is solely responsible for the administration and or supervision of CTE; a consortium of state boards that develop a multi-state articulation agreement.

Areas: The initiative will fund statewide or multi-state articulation agreements designed to: support development of CTE programs to prepare students for high-skill, high-wage and/or high-demand occupations in current or emerging professions in traditional fields; promote integration of CTE and challenging academic instruction; and link secondary and postsecondary education for participating students.

→ www.ed.gov/news/fedregister (May 20)

Equity assistance centers (ED)

Scope: The Education Department invites applications to operate regional Equity Assistance Centers that provide technical assistance and training in preparing and implementing public school desegregation plans.

Deadline: June 30.

Funds: \$7 million for 10 awards of \$500,000 to \$800,000 each for up to three years.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofit organizations (other than a state education agency or school board).

Areas: Centers provide technical assistance at the request of school boards and other government agencies. ED is interested in projects that will:

- Assist in addressing the over-representation of minorities in special education and/or the under-representation of minorities in gifted and talented programs;
- Offer resource materials, services, training and strategies for providing limited English proficient students with equitable access to a high-quality education;
- Ensure equal access to highly qualified teachers for students who are economically disadvantaged or are racial and ethnic minorities; and

- Provide information, training and technical assistance on effective approaches to school dropout prevention and student reentry, particularly for high-risk students.

→ www.ed.gov/news/fedregister (May 14)

Preservation and access (NEH)

Scope: The National Endowment for the Humanities seeks applications for national or multi-state/regional training programs on managing and expanding intellectual access to library, archival and material culture collections.

Deadline: July 1.

Funds: Awards are \$50,000 to \$250,000 a year each for two years.

Eligibility: Any domestic nonprofit organization.

Areas: Eligible projects include: development and presentation of courses for staff in cultural organizations; development and presentation of courses that focus on the skills and knowledge required to provide or broaden intellectual access to collections; graduate programs in preservation and conservation; and preservation field services that serve a multi-state region and provide surveys, consultations, workshops and information materials to those responsible for the care of humanities collections.

→ www.neh.gov/grants/guide.ines/pet.html

Humanities collections and resources (NEH)

Scope: The National Endowment for the Humanities seeks proposals to preserve and create intellectual access to such collections as books, journals, manuscript and archival materials, maps, still and moving images, sound recordings, art and objects of material culture.

Deadline: July 31.

Funds: Typically, awards range from \$100,000 to \$350,000 each over two years.

Eligibility: Any U.S. nonprofit organization.

Areas: Project activities range from digitizing collections and deacidification of collections to creation of all kinds of reference works and research tools of major importance to the humanities, such as: databases and electronic archives, encyclopedias about humanities fields or subjects; historical, etymological and bilingual dictionaries for undocumented languages and tools for spatial analysis and representation of humanities data.

→ www.neh.gov/grant/sguidelines/Collections_and_Resources.html

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Grants alert (cont.)

Doctoral dissertation improvement (NSF)

Scope: The National Science Foundation invites applications for partial support of doctoral dissertation research in selected areas of the biological sciences.

Deadline: Nov. 1, (third Friday in November thereafter).

Funds: \$1.6 million for 100 to 120 awards up to \$15,000 over two years.

Eligibility: U.S. higher education institutions and nonprofit research organizations.

Areas: Grants cover costs of participating in scientific meetings, conducting research at specialized facilities or in field settings.

→ www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08564/nsf08564.htm

Advances in Biological Informatics (NSF)

Scope: The National Science Foundation seeks applications to encourage new approaches to the analysis and dissemination of biological knowledge for the benefit of scientists and the public.

Deadline: Aug. 12 (second Tuesday in August thereafter).

Funds: \$20 million for 20 to 25 awards.

Eligibility: Colleges and universities; nonprofit non-academic organizations, independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations associated with educational or research activities.

Areas: The program, newly renamed from "Biological databases and Informatics," supports the design, development, implementation and use of information resources and tools for which the biology community has indicated a need.

The program, which this year has increased emphasis on informatics proposals with a definite biological focus, is especially interested in proposals that offer potentially transformative outcomes through the development of informatics tools/resources that offer novel and significant advances in the use of biological data or through impact on a significant segment of the biological research community.

→ www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08563/nsf08563.htm

Astronomy & astrophysics research, education (NSF)

Scope: The National Science Foundation solicits proposals for development of formal, collaborative research and education partnerships among minority-serving institutions and partners at research institutions and facilities supported by NSF Division of Astronomical Sciences.

Deadline: Aug. 12.

Funds: \$2 million for three to five awards of varying size and duration, depending on the scope of the project.

Eligibility: A minority-serving college or university.

Areas: Partnerships should provide opportunities for students to develop their scientific skills and help transform the academic structure of minority-serving institutions by providing the resources to build a research community in schools that emphasize teaching. Activities to retain students, including mentoring, are key.

→ www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08562/nsf08562.htm

ROSES competitions (NASA)

Scope: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration invites proposals under its fiscal 2008 Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences program.

Eligibility: Domestic/foreign nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Areas: Newly announced competitions include:

• **Science Definition Team:** Proposals are for participation in the pre-launch science definition team for the Soil Moisture Active-Passive mission, which will use radar and radiometer L-band microwave remote sensing to determine the near surface soil moisture and surface freeze/thaw state. Measurements will advance the study of the water, carbon and energy cycles. **Due:** July 29. **Funds:** \$800,000 for 12 awards. The project period is three years. *NNH08ZDA001N-SMAPSDT*

• **Planetary Mission Data Analysis:** Projects under the revised program focus on analysis of data from planetary and operating missions, and restoration and digital archiving of data valuable to solar system science (samples have been moved to another program). **Due:** Aug. 8.

Funds: \$2.5 million for 15 to 20 awards. *NNH08ZDA001N-PMDAP*

→ www.grants.gov/search/basic.do (enter *NNH08ZDA001N** for a list of ROSES grant competitions. Search for the FON above)

Fuel/Feedstock Flexibility (DoE)

Scope: The Energy Department solicits proposals for research, development and demonstration projects to reduce the energy and carbon intensity of industrial processes.

Deadline: July 14.

Funds: \$4 million in first-year funding for awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$2 million each. The grantee share is 30 percent of total allowable costs.

Eligibility: All types of entities, except other federal agencies, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers and nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status.

Areas: Three interest areas are: fuel flexibility; feedstock flexibility in the chemical industry; and clean distributed generation.

→ www.grants.gov/search/basic.do (enter FON "DE-PS26-08NT000312-01")

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Grants alert (cont.)

H-Prize for Hydrogen Storage (DoE)

Scope: The Energy Department invites applications to administer a program to competitively award cash prizes to advance the research, development, demonstration and commercial application of hydrogen energy technologies.

Deadline: June 25.

Funds: \$1.3 million (\$300,000 for administration, \$1 million for the first H-Prize).

Eligibility: Domestic private nonprofit entities.

Areas: The project will serve as a pilot program for the prize. The awardee will advertise prize/challenge competitions and their results; raise private funds to contribute to cash prizes and defray administrative costs; develop (with DoE) the criteria for selecting winners; help determine the amounts for prizes; and advise DoE on the selection of judges.

→ www.grants.gov/search/basic.do (enter FON "DE-PS36-08GO98027")

Surface catalysis for energy (DoD/DARPA)

Scope: The Defense Advanced Projects Agency solicits innovative research proposals to develop technologies that will speed mainstream use of new energy sources as an alternative to hydrocarbon fuels.

Deadline: July 2.

Funds: Awards may be grants, contracts or other funding mechanisms. Award size and duration will vary according to the scope of the project.

Eligibility: Higher education institutions, other nonprofit research organizations and industry.

Areas: The program focuses on the development of heterogeneous chemical catalysts that will enable more energy efficiency through use of rational design, bio-inspired chemistry and nano-architectures. Interest areas are: fuel flexible fuel cells; catalysts for biomass fuels; and solar fuel catalysts;

→ www.darpa.mil/dso/solicitations/solicit.htm (consult FON "DARPA-BAA-08-48")

Successful corrections institutions (DoJ/NIC)

Scope: The Justice Department's National Institute of Corrections invites proposals under new initiative aimed at improving corrections institutions.

Deadline: June 19. NIC will hold a pre-application telephone conference June 5. (Contact Sherry Carroll, ✉ scarroll@bop.gov)

Funds: NIC will negotiate the award.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and for-profit organizations and individuals.

Areas: The project will establish a model, accompanying assessment methods and appropriate performance measures that define a high-performing correctional agency or system. The project will develop ways to address agency inefficiencies, establish guiding principles to enhance business practices; improve organizational performance; prioritize goals and objectives; and contain costs.

→ www.nicic.gov

Sexual violence in corrections (DoJ/NIJ)

Scope: The Justice Department's National Institute of Justice invites applications for research and evaluation to address knowledge gaps related to prevention and management of prison sexual violence.

Deadline: June 18.

Funds: \$2.4 million for multiple awards of varying amounts.

Eligibility: Higher education institutions, nonprofits and for-profit entities that waive their fees.

Areas: NIJ is particularly interested in: staff-inmate sexual misconduct: cross-gendered supervision of inmates; and strip and pat-down searches. Examples are proposals for research on: investigation and prosecution of sexual violence in corrections; policies to prevent sexual violence in corrections facilities; links between prison sexual violence or sexual victimization and violence or victimization before and/or after incarceration.

→ www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000843

Weed and Seed (DoJ)

Scope: The Justice Department invites applications for competitive community-wide grants under the Weed and Seed program, which aims to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, criminal drug traffic and gang activity.

Deadline: Sept. 9.

Funds: Funding is graduated over five years (year 1, \$175,000; year 2, \$250,000; year 3, \$275,000; year 4, \$200,000; year 5, \$100,000). Funding may range up to \$1 million to each community.

Eligibility: Weed and Seed programs must be developed in partnership with key local organizations and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Areas: The program is a community-based comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and neighborhood restoration, designed to address neighborhoods with persistent high levels of serious crime and corresponding social problems.

Tip: Officials note the program is highly competitive, and successful applicants are likely to have established programs.

→ www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl_kit

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Grants alert (cont.)

Center on child protective systems (HHS/ACF)

Scope: The Health and Human Services Department's Administration for Children and Families invites applications to establish a National Quality Improvement Center to generate knowledge on effective models of differential response in child protective systems.

Deadline: July 11.

Funds: \$2 million a year for one award for five years.

Eligibility: Higher education institutions, other nonprofit organizations, state, local and tribal governments and for-profit entities.

Areas: The grantee will: support the state and local infrastructure needed to improve child welfare outcomes for children and their families who are identified as a referrals for suspected maltreatment. The center also will foster collaborative research, demonstration and dissertation projects that address differential response in child protective services across systems. The focus on differential response is meant to expand the approaches of child protective services to respond in different ways to various reports of child abuse and provide alternative methods to proceed.

→ www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open.html (HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CA-0056)

Center to prevent child abuse, neglect (HHS/ACF)

Scope: The Health and Human Services Department invites applications to establish a National Quality Improvement Center on preventing the abuse and neglect of infants and young children.

Deadline: July 14.

Funds: \$1.7 million a year for one award for five years.

Eligibility: Higher education institutions, other nonprofit organizations, state, local and tribal governments and for-profit entities.

Areas: The center will serve as a national resource for information sharing to build protective factors and reduce risk factors to prevent maltreatment and strengthen family functioning; support innovative, collaborate and effective state and local practices; evaluate the impact of evidence-based models and system-change efforts; disseminate lessons learned; and support doctoral students conducting related research.

→ www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open.html (HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CA-0044)

Autism intervention research network (HRSA)

Scope: The Health Resources and Services Administration invites applications to establish and maintain an infrastructure to support research on autism interventions.

Deadline: June 23 for the network on physical health; June 24 for the network on behavioral health.

Funds: \$4 million a year for one cooperative agreement for up to three years (physical network); \$2 million a year for one award for three years.

Eligibility: Higher education institutions; public and private nonprofit organizations engaged in research relating to ASD and other developmental disabilities.

Areas: The grantees will:

- Conduct research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the behavioral, mental, social and/or cognitive health and well-being of children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities;
- Develop evidence-based guidelines and validate tools for interventions; and
- Disseminate critical information to families, professionals and the public on research findings, guidelines developed and validated tools.

→ www.hrsa.gov (Grants)

Autism research program (DoD)

Scope: The Defense Department invites proposals for innovative research focused on autism spectrum disorder.

Deadline: (Concept Award) for **required** online pre-applications, July 30 for proposals; (Synergistic Idea Award), June 11 for **required** pre-applications; Sept. 3 for full proposals.

Funds: \$420,000 total for four concept awards of up to \$75,000 each for one year; \$2.3 million total for two synergistic awards of \$250,000 each for three years.

Eligibility: Higher education institutions, hospitals, research laboratories, other nonprofit organizations. Principal investigators at all levels are eligible for concept awards; independent faculty-level investigators or the equivalent may apply for synergistic awards.

Areas: The concept award supports the exploration of an initial idea or novel observation that could give rise to a testable hypothesis. The synergy award requires collaboration between at least two independent investigators who address an innovative ASD research question from synergistic and complementary perspectives. Interest areas in both categories are:

- Co-morbidity (e.g., *manifestations such as gastrointestinal disorders, sleep, seizures*); targets for treating (e.g., *clinical, molecular, cellular*);
- Biomarkers and pathology (e.g., *brain and other tissues*); and
- Environment (e.g., *clinical and basic toxicology, gene/environment interaction*).

→ <https://cdmrp.org>

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Grants alert (cont.)

Social neuroscience (NIMH/NIA)

Scope: The National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Aging invite applications for basic and translational research on the neurobiological bases of social behavior.

Deadline: Oct. 20.

Funds: \$2.3 million in first-year funding of four to eight research project grants.

Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations.

Areas: NIMH is interested in better understanding the etiology of psychiatric disorders. NIA seeks proposals examining the mechanisms and pathways linking social behaviors and social environments to the psychological well-being of middle-aged and older adults.

➔ <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-08-070.htm>

Child abuse and neglect (CDC/SAMHSA/NIH)

Scope: The National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration invite applications to conduct rigorous efficacy and effectiveness trials of child abuse and neglect interventions.

Deadline: Oct. 5.

Funds: There is no dollar setaside. The funding mechanism is the research project grant (R01), which provides grants of varying size up to five years.

Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations.

Areas: The initiative aims to bring together interdisciplinary perspectives encompassing basic biomedical, behavioral and social science to focus on intervention. Funders are especially interested in large-scale trials to target either or both the victims and perpetrators of child abuse and neglect.

Topics range from psychological factors that shed light on the mechanisms by which interventions work, to population characteristics that affect seeking help or access to services for treatment and interventions.

➔ <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-437.html>

MD/PhD predoctoral fellowships (NHLBI)

Scope: The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute is interested in supporting individual predoctoral fellowships for combined MD/PhD training in research areas relevant to the institute's mission.

Deadline: Aug. 8.

Funds: The award will pay: an annual stipend of \$20,772; and 60 percent of tuition up to \$21,000 and fees. The institutional allowance is \$4,200 per 12-month period. Individuals may receive up to six years support.

Eligibility: Domestic for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations.

Areas: The institute's broad mission is to support research related to heart, vascular, lung and blood diseases; sleep disorders; and blood resources. NHLBI recommends consulting the institute's strategic plan <http://apps.nhlbi.nih.gov/strategicplan>.

➔ <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-021.html>

Public health research dissertation (CDC)

Scope: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention invites applications for grants to support public health doctoral dissertation research designed to encourage doctoral candidates to conduct research in areas of interest to CDC.

Deadline: Aug. 10 annually.

Funds: Awards are up to \$35,000 each up one year.

Eligibility: Doctoral students enrolled with an accredited institution of higher education.

Areas: Interests are aspects of public health, especially issues of basic, behavioral, and applied sciences related to health promotion, disease prevention, injury and disability prevention, and health protection from infectious, environmental and terrorist health threats.

➔ <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-231.html>

Anemia in older persons (NIA)

Scope: The National Institute on aging solicits proposals for clinical trials on the effects of interventions against anemia in older persons.

Deadline: Nov. 7.

Funds: \$800,000 in 2009 and \$3 million per year from fiscal year 2010 through 2014. NIA will fund one award.

Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations.

Areas: During the six-year support period, the grantee will develop protocols and study procedures and implement several phase II clinical trials.

Awardees can also develop and implement pilot translational and exploratory studies informing designs of future trials.

➔ <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-09-003.html>

Grants alert: Local interest

Indoor air quality: Region 7 (EPA)

Scope: The Environmental Protection Agency is soliciting proposals from organizations to fund indoor air quality (IAQ) projects to measurably reduce indoor air pollution in everyday settings, including schools.

Deadline: June 23.

Funds: \$135,000 for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$60,000.

Eligibility: States, local governments which includes school districts, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, international organizations, public and private universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private nonprofit institutions and organizations. Projects must be implemented in the following states: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and/or Nebraska.

Areas: Priorities include K-12 schools. Projects will address the adoption of EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools program, and indoor asthma triggers and exposure education.

➔ www.epa.gov/region07/economics/pdf/epa-r7awmd-08-002.pdf

Grants alert: Foreign focus

Indo-U.S. program on reproductive health (NIH)

Scope: The National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development seeks applications for collaborative research between Indian and U.S. scientists focused on contraception and reproductive health.

Deadline: July 11 for letters; Aug. 11 for proposals.

Funds: \$1 million for two to four awards of up to \$250,000 a year each up to four years.

Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories and state and local governments.

Areas: The program focuses on disease prevention, product development and technology transfer.

➔ <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-08-024.html>

Armenia Global Development Alliance (USAID)

Scope: The U.S. Agency for International Development invites concept papers focused on forming an alliance to address priority development issues in Armenia.

Deadline: April 30, 2009.

Pesticides tribal circuit rider: Region 9 (EPA)

Scope: The Environmental Protection Agency invites applications for projects that use a Tribal circuit rider to implement pesticide risk reduction in agricultural and non-agricultural settings.

Deadline: June 27.

Funds: \$100,000 to \$200,000 for one award. The project period is two years.

Eligibility: All federally recognized tribes in region 9: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Pacific Islands; over 140 tribal nations.

Areas: Applicants should propose to work with at least one other tribe to develop and implement plans to hire, train and manage a tribal circuit rider to maximize coverage in Indian Country.

Proposals should outline how the tribal circuit rider will: encourage pesticide use reduction; support integrated pest management; address children's health issues; and manage impacts to air, water and land.

➔ www.epa.region09/funding/tribal-circuit-rider-pest-fy09.html

Funds: \$100,000 to \$300,000 for one award. The program requires 1:1 resource matching.

Eligibility: Unrestricted.

Areas: Priority topics are:

- **Just governance and democratically increased civic participation and access to information**—advocacy, think tanks, watchdogs and alternative media;
- **Enhanced political participation**—election law and financing and political parties and culture;
- **Improved governance and rule of law**—local government service provision and working with parliament and the judiciary;
- **Improved control of corruption**—mobilizing civil society against corruption and anti-corruption strategy and systems;
- **Investing in people**—increased use of health care services, with a focus on primary health care and improved social protection systems;
- **Economic growth**—enhanced private sector capacity, increased access of business to financing, improved policy and systems to foster competitiveness; and
- **Cross-cutting initiative in education and environment**—including workforce, vocational and higher education, and environmental mitigation/remediation and water, air, ground pollution and solid waste management.

➔ www.grants.gov/search/basic.do (enter FON "RFA-111-08-002")

Grant rounds

→ www.grants.gov/search/basic.do
(enter FON "DE-PS52-08NA28649")

□ **Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Studies**—The *National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Drug Abuse* will reissue a \$3.5 million request for applications to develop models for integrating public health and public safety approaches for criminal justice-involved adults and adolescents with drug abuse and addictive disorders. **Due:** NIDA plans to announce the funding opportunity in July. → <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-08-017.html>

□ **Laser use**—The *Energy Department* will provide access for scientists to use its University of Rochester-based OMEGA Laser System to perform high-energy-density physics and inertial confinement fusion. DoE will make available a total of six weeks of operating time in fiscal years 2009 and 2010. **Due:** Apply by June 17.

□ **Rare opportunity**—The *National Institutes of Health* announced a new clinical research program that will aim to provide answers for patients with mysterious conditions that have defied diagnosis. The program is intramural, but will involve practitioners in the community. It also increases emphasis on the topic of rare disease, for which competitive grants are available under several programs, including: the Food and Drug Administration's "Clinical Studies of Safety and Effectiveness of Orphan Products" research project grants; and NIH's "Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia" program. → <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-08-001.html>; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-08-001>, respectively.

□ **Second chance**—The *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*, the *Defense Department* and the *General Services Administration* have invited a second round of comments on proposed rules that would require federal contractors to have a code of ethics; establish internal controls to detect and prevent improper conduct related to awards; and notify contracting officers immediately when they become aware of violations.

A request for comments last year drew concerns over planned exemptions for contracts performed entirely outside the United States and a proposed exemption for contractors for acquisition of commercial items. **Due:** July 15 for comments. → <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-11137.pdf>

Urgent deadlines: JUNE

- 6** The *Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention* invites applications to **operate a membership organization of nonprofit organizations that serve the families of missing and exploited children**, provide services to law enforcement and community agencies, and provide public awareness and education about child protection. **How much:** \$225,000 a year for five years. **Who:** Private nonprofit organizations, including secular and faith-based organizations. **Where:** www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp
- 9** The *Environmental Protection Agency* invites applications for **pollution prevention/ source reduction projects and/or resource conservation projects** through recycling, treatment, disposal or energy recovery. **How much:** \$130,000 per region. **Who:** Higher education institutions, public/private nonprofit organizations; states, localities, school districts, tribes. **Where:** www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/scrap08.htm
- 13** The *Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention* invites applications to **implement gang prevention strategies, incorporating two or more of the following anti-gang strategies: primary prevention; secondary prevention; gang intervention; and gang enforcement**. **How much:** \$20,000 each for up to 12 awards over two years. **Who:** Higher education institutions, public/private nonprofit organizations, including state, local and tribal governments. **Where:** www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp
- 16** The *Transportation Department's National Highway Transportation Safety Administration* invites applications to **provide outreach and training for emergency and trauma professionals on intervention strategies for patients**. The project will take place in the Oregon region. **How much:** \$239,750 over five years. **Who:** Higher education institutions, public/private nonprofit organizations. **Where:** www.grants.gov/search/basic.do (enter FON "DTNH22-08-R-00136")
- 16** The *U.S. Agency for International Development* invites applications to **implement a media program in Moldova**. **How much:** \$3.2 million for one award. **Who:** U.S. and non-U.S. nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations. **Where:** www.grants.gov/search/basic.do (enter FON 121-08-001)
- 17** The *Small Business Administration* invites applications to **implement community-based outreach centers to provide services to help veterans** establish their own businesses. **How much:** \$150,000 a year each for five years. **Who:** Education institutions; veterans' nonprofit community-based organizations; and federal, state and local departments and agencies; and private businesses. **Where:** www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/ovbd/index.html