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Department of Health and Human Services – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Meeting Date:

January 27, 2021

Purpose: The committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the Start Printed Page 4081 use of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. 1396s, the committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding dosing interval, dosage, and contraindications to administration of vaccines. Further, under provisions of the Affordable Care Act, section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act, immunization recommendations of the ACIP that have been approved by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and appear on CDC immunization schedules must be covered by applicable health plans.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on COVID-19 vaccines. No recommendation vote is scheduled for COVID-19 vaccines. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. For more information on the meeting agenda visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/meetings-info.html>.

Contact: Stephanie Thomas, ACIP Committee Management Specialist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS-H24-8, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027; Telephone: 404-639-8367; Email: ACIP@cdc.gov.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/15/2021-00870/advisory-committee-on-immunization-practices-acip>

Department of Health and Human Services – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)
Meeting Date: March 4, 2021

Purpose: The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), the Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), the Director, CDC, the Secretary, Health and Human Services regarding (1) the practice of healthcare infection prevention and control; (2) strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections, antimicrobial resistance, and related events in settings where healthcare is provided; and (3) periodic Start Printed Page 3156 updating of CDC guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related conditions.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include the following updates: The Healthcare Personnel Guideline Workgroup; the Long-term Care/Post-acute Care Workgroup; the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Workgroup; and updates from DHQP including DHQP's engagement on Coronavirus disease response. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact: Koo-Whang Chung, M.P.H., HICPAC, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, NCEZID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H16-3, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-4027, Telephone (404) 498-0730; Email: HICPAC@cdc.gov.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/14/2021-00603/healthcare-infection-control-practices-advisory-committee-hicpac>

Department of Health and Human Services - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) - Notice of Meetings

Meeting Date:

See below

Purpose: Notice of five AHRQ Subcommittee meetings.

1. Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research (HSQR)

Date: February 3-4, 2021

2. Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR)

Date: February 10-11, 2021

3. Health System and Value Research (HSVR)

Date: February 11-12, 2021

4. Health Care Research and Training (HCRT)

Date: February 25-26, 2021 & March 1-2, 2021

5. Healthcare Information Technology Research (HITR)

Date: February 25-26, 2021

Contact: Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research Education and Priority Populations, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 427-1557.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/15/2021-00894/notice-of-meetings>

Federal Communications Commission - Meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment

Meeting Date:

February 11, 2021

Purpose: The agenda for the meeting will include a report from each of the ACDDE working groups. The Access to Capital Working Group will report on its ongoing examination of ways to improve access to capital to encourage management and ownership of broadcast properties by a diverse range of voices, including minorities and women. The Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group will discuss its

work assessing access, adoption, and use of broadband and new technologies by under-resourced communities. The Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group will report on its progress in examining issues pertaining to hiring, promotion, and retention of women and minorities in tech industries. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the ACDDE Chair and the DFO.

The Committee's mission is to provide recommendations to the Commission on how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees.

Contact: Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the ACDDE, (202) 418-2608, Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov; Julie Saulnier, Deputy DFO of the ACDDE, (202) 418-1598, Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov; or Jamile Kadre, Deputy DFO of the ACDDE, (202) 418-2245, Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/15/2021-00919/meeting-of-the-federal-advisory-committee-on-diversity-and-digital-empowerment>

General Services Administration - Office of Federal High-Performance Buildings; Green Building Advisory Committee; Notification of Upcoming Web Meeting

Meeting Date:

January 28, 2021

Purpose: *The Administrator of GSA established the Committee on June 20, 2011 (Federal Register/Vol. 76, No. 118) pursuant to Section 494 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA, 42 U.S.C. 17123). Under this authority, the Committee provides independent policy advice and recommendations to GSA to advance federal building innovations in planning, design, and operations to reduce costs, enable agency missions, enhance human health and performance, and minimize environmental impacts.*

January 28, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Updates and introductions

Embodied energy task group findings & recommendations

Election for Committee Chair

Sustainable response to COVID-19 task group findings & recommendations

Energy storage task group findings & recommendations

New committee directions & topics to explore

Public comment

Next steps and closing comments

Contact: Dr. Ken Sandler, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Federal High-Performance Buildings, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street NW, (Mail-code: MG), Washington, DC 20405, at ken.sandler@gsa.gov or 202-219-1121.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/13/2021-00515/office-of-federal-high-performance-buildings-green-building-advisory-committee-notification-of>

National Science Foundation - Notice of Open to the Public Meetings of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program

Meeting Date: JET and MAGIC Team meetings are scheduled 30 days in advance of the meeting date. Please reference the NITRD Public Meetings web page (<https://www.nitrd.gov/meetings/public/>) for each Team's upcoming meeting dates and times, in addition to the agendas, minutes, and other meeting materials and information.

Purpose: The NITRD Program holds meetings that are open to the public to attend. The Joint Engineering Team (JET) and Middleware And Grid Interagency Coordination (MAGIC) Team provide an opportunity for the public to engage and participate in information sharing with Federal agencies. The JET and MAGIC Teams report to the NITRD Large Scale Networking (LSN) Interagency Working Group (IWG).

Contact: NITRD NCO at admin@nitrd.gov.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/12/2021-00365/notice-of-open-to-the-public-meetings-of-the-networking-and-information-technology-research-and>

Requests for Information

Department of Defense – Department of the Army – USMRAA - Advanced Technologies to Enhance Warfighter Performance

Proposal Due Date: January 28, 2021

Funding Opportunity Number: W81XWH-21-CC-0001

Purpose: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) The United States Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity, in collaboration with the Naval Medical Research Center, Naval Advanced Medical Development (NMRC-NAMD), requests information on specific capabilities to support technology development and maturation initiatives that result in knowledge products and prototype technologies in support of efforts to enhance performance of Sailors and Marines. Specifically, the Government seeks comprehensive ability to increase operational capability through modeling and algorithms associated with physiology and environmental stressors; data interpretation solutions including artificial intelligence; wearable physio monitoring device development, integration, and development testing; prototype system developmental testing; and delivery of production representative prototypes. Capabilities must be able to deliver solutions that support extreme tactical environments and

operational constraints, including speed, security, size, weight, and power considerations. Ability to use and/or process classified information is mandatory.

Contact: Courtney Chase courtney.f.chase.civ@mail.mil

<https://beta.sam.gov/opp/d6409164dd4944e9b52ff9a424c7cbdb/view>

Department of Energy - Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy - RFI - Stationary Hydrogen Storage Technology Development

Response Date: February 15, 2021

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002468

Purpose: The purpose of this RFI is solely to solicit input for ARPA-E's consideration and to inform the possible initiation of an R&D program on stationary hydrogen storage technologies. In particular, ARPA-E is interested in information regarding safe, low-cost, flexible scale from large to small, transportable, and widely deployable hydrogen storage technology for ultralong-duration seasonal energy storage. The hydrogen storage systems of interest are turn-key systems ready to be integrated with hydrogen fuel cell power generation, hydrogen capable CHP, microgrid, and other distributed power generation systems. The goal is to develop technologies and validate their reliability under variable conditions, manufacturability, and favorable economics at scale.

Contact: Mary A. Barnes 202-287-1057 mary.barnes@hq.doe.gov

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=330822>

Pre-Proposals and Pre-Solicitations

Department of Defense – Department of the Army – Aviation and Missile Technology Consortium (AMTC) - Aviation and Missile Technology Consortium (AMTC) Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) Request for Enhanced Whitepapers (RWP): AMTC-21-01

Response Date: February 3, 2021

Funding Opportunity Number: AMTC-21-01

Purpose: This Special Notice is to advise interested members of the Aviation and Missile Technology Consortium (AMTC), as well as other interested members within the U.S. technology base, that a Request for Enhanced Whitepapers (RWP) has been issued by Advanced Technology International (ATI) for the Aviation and Missile Technology Consortium (AMTC). The AMTC, comprised of the National Armaments Consortium (NAC) and the Vertical Lift Consortium (VLC), has partnered with the U.S. Army's Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation & Missile Center and the Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal (ACC-RSA) to develop innovative aviation and missile technologies that rapidly and affordably enhance warfighter lethality, survivability, and combat effectiveness.

Contact: N/A

<https://beta.sam.gov/opp/41a05299d0eb4bce90988118978c15ef/view>

Department of Defense - Department of the Army – USAMRAA - Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) - DoD Pre-Announcements

Purpose: Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) pre-announcements and funding opportunities for the Department of Defense (DoD) programs managed by the office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). Although the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Defense Appropriations Bill has been signed into law, the FY21 appropriations for these research programs are contingent upon the outcome of a pending rescissions request.

FY21 Pre-announcements released:

Epilepsy Research Program (ERP)

- * Idea Development Award
- * Quality of Life Award
- * Research Partnership Award

Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Program (OPORP)

- * Clinical Research Award
- * Clinical Trial Award

Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's Research Program (PRARP)

- * Convergence Science Research Award
- * Innovation in Care and Support Award
- * Research Partnership Award
- * Accelerating Diagnostics Research Award
- * Leveraging Approaches for Innovation in Care and Support Award

Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRCP)

- * Exploration – Hypothesis Development Award
- * Idea Development Award
- * Clinical Translational Research Award

Autism Research Program

- * Idea Development Award
- * Clinical Translational Research Award

- * *Clinical Trial Award*
- * *New in FY21! Career Development Award*

Military Burn Research Program

- * *Idea Development Award*
- * *Clinical Translational Research Award*

<https://cdmrp.army.mil/>

Broad Agency Announcements

Department of Defense – Department of the Air Force – Air Force Research Lab - Defense Production Act Title III Expansion of Domestic Production Capability and Capacity; Call 009 Hydroxyl Terminated Polybutadiene (HTPB) Production Capability for DoD Munitions Project

Proposal Due Date:	March 1, 2021
Expected Number of Awards:	
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$6,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$3,000,000
Award Floor:	
Funding Opportunity Number:	FA8650-19-S-5010-CALL-009

Purpose: *The DPA Title III Program has derived three broad Topic Areas for potential projects. The Topic Areas are: Sustainment of Critical Production, Commercialization of Research and Development Investments, and Scaling of Emerging Technologies. This Call fits within the Topic Area: Sustainment of Critical Production. This Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III project aims to establish a secure domestic source of Hydroxyl Terminated Polybutadiene (HTPB). Proposed capabilities are required to develop a domestic full rate production capability of at least 200,000 pounds of Hydroxyl Terminated Polybutadiene annually.*

Contact: Whitney Foxbower Grantor Phone 937-713-9877 whitney.foxbower@us.af.mil

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=330923>

Department of Defense - Department of the Army – USAMRAA - Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) - Comprehensive Cross-Cutting Prevention Opportunity to Decrease Harmful Behaviors and Increase Service Member Readiness and Performance

Response Date:	February 11, 2021
Expected Number of Awards:	2

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$9,300,000
Award Ceiling:
Award Floor:
Funding Opportunity Number: MTEC-21-05-Cross-Cutting

Purpose: *The Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) is excited to post this announcement for a Request for Project Proposals (RPP) focused on optimizing health promotion via prevention initiatives for the military that provide education and skills, protective environments, and healthy climates and relationships in efforts to prevent various forms of violent, abusive, or harmful behaviors. This RPP focuses on three cross-cutting prevention topic areas:*

(1) FOCUS AREA #1: Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)

(2) FOCUS AREA #2: Measurement and assessment

(3) FOCUS AREA #3: Effective primary prevention programming

Proposed work must be relevant to active duty Service Members and/or military beneficiaries, and ultimately impact the greater needs of the American public.

BACKGROUND

U.S. military personnel and their families face many challenges that threaten the readiness and resiliency of the force. The goal of this MTEC funding opportunity is to focus on preventive approaches and interventions designed to positively impact multiple outcomes including:

Suicide ideation and behaviors and non-suicidal self-injury

Sexual violence (sexual harassment and assault)

Harassment (e.g., gender and racial discrimination, retaliation)

Domestic abuse (intimate partner violence)

Alcohol and substance use, misuse, and disorders

Psychological health issues

Contact: Randall Fernanders randall.fernanders@ati.org Phone Number 8437603378

<https://beta.sam.gov/opp/f41916c07fc54e08b3a00a753fe4a20b/view>

**Department of Defense - Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) -
Defense Sciences Office - Enhanced Night Vision in eyeglass form factors (ENVision)**

Proposal Due Date: March 23, 2021

Expected Number of Awards:

Estimated Total Program Funding:

Award Ceiling:

Award Floor:

Funding Opportunity Number: HR001121S0013

Purpose: *The Defense Sciences Office (DSO) at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is soliciting innovative research proposals in the area of direct-view night vision (NV) systems in eyeglass form factors. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems. Specifically excluded is research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.*

Contact: BAA Coordinatorb ENVision@darpa.mil

<https://beta.sam.gov/opp/0669882789e04feeb7810d0ada49f882/view>

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