

1. Nutrition Education Programs Supported

Allen Foundation

The Allen Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions that promote human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research. The Foundation's grant-making priorities include the following: nutritional education for mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children, training for educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices, and the dissemination of healthful nutritional information. Relevant nutritional research projects are also supported. Preference may be given to proposals that include matching funds from the applicant or other partners, including in-kind contributions.

Deadline Dec 31, 2010

2. Grants Promote Community/Composer Collaborations

Meet The Composer: MetLife Creative Connections

Meet The Composer (MTC) supports the creation of new musical work and the engagement of new work with people and communities throughout the United States. MTC's MetLife Creative Connections program provides grants ranging from \$250 to \$3,500 to enable American composers to participate in public activities related to specific performances of their original music. The program aims to increase awareness and enhance the creative artist's role in society by supporting the composer's interaction with audiences, performers, arts organizations, and local communities. Applications are submitted by a sponsoring organization requesting support for one or more composers to participate in community outreach activities organized, sponsored, and/or presented by the organization.

Deadline January 7, 2011

3. US Technology Industry Association targets Congress

TechAmerica represents 1,200 member companies of all sizes and is the industry's largest advocacy organization.

"This Congress still has the opportunity to help hone America's competitive edge in the global innovation economy," TechAmerica president & CEO Phil Bond said Nov.15.

A national poll conducted by Zogby/463 for Consumer Electronic Association (CEA) found that Americans are looking for government leaders to rein in spending, with deficit reduction as the most important measure for the nation's future economic success.

Interestingly, of those polled, nearly 40% named small business, and 34% said entrepreneurs were "most critical" to the future US economy. Asked which political party or entity was "most committed" to driving US innovation and economic vitality, Americans cited the Democrats and Tea Party as equally committed (with 31% each). Republicans were favored by 18.5% of those polled.

4. DOE Smart-Grid Investments

The Department of Energy has announced 5 projects that will **receive \$19M** to optimize the nation's electric grid. The projects, which will collectively apply technologies, tools and techniques capable of transforming the electric grid into a system that's cleaner and more efficient, reliable, resilient and responsive, also support the goal of building the infrastructure to bring clean, low-cost energy sources to US homes and businesses. The selected projects are 1) Avea T&D Inc. (Redmond WA)-testing a platform for integrating distributed energy resources into the grid (Project team members are Duke Energy Co., Univ of Washington, Univ. of Connecticut, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory); 2) Boeing Co. (St Louis, MO.)- Demonstrate a smart, highly-automated, secure, and self-healing electric distribution management system; 3) ABB Inc. (Raleigh, NC)- Research, develop, and demonstrate a real-time

monitoring, control, and health management system to improve grid reliability and efficiency using digital data from sensors and substation Intelligent Electronic Devices to monitor systems performance continuously. (Team members are [Xcel Energy](#), and [Texas A&M Univ](#)); 4) [Varentec Inc.](#) (North Andover, MA)- Research and development on a range of next generation power electronics devices to integrate renewable resources using an innovative circuit design with an integrated battery energy storage system (Team members are [North Carolina State Univ.](#), Cree Inc., S&C Electric Co., and Consolidated Edison Co); 5) [On-Ramp Wireless Inc.](#) (San Diego, CA)-Develop and demonstrate a wireless grid sensor and faulted circuit indicator capable of monitoring underground and other hard-to-reach distribution circuit locations.

5. EPA lists 134 chemicals as Endocrine Disruptors

www.epa.gov/endo

EPA, which has the most comprehensive mandated testing program for hormone effects in the world, already is screening an initial group of 67 pesticide chemicals and will begin issuing orders for this second group of 134 chemicals starting in 2011.

6. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is

recommending that 115 MHz of spectrum be reallocated for wireless broadband service within the next five years.

7. E-waste Task force activity commences

A new interagency task force was formed recently by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and General Services Administration (GSA) to highlight the need for greater attention to electronic waste (e-waste). www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/materials/ecycling/

8. Upcoming Events-

Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a Spectrum Policy Seminar for the Utility Sector – *Smart Grid technologies communications requirements* **Dec. 8 in Washington DC**. Pre-register with Katharine Dickerson at (202) 586-5281; Katharine.Dickerson@hq.doe.gov

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9. Data Management-ESSENTIAL for NSF Proposals (from last week)

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp>

Beginning January 18, 2011, proposals submitted to NSF must include a supplementary document of no more than two pages labeled “Data Management Plan”. This supplementary document should describe how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on the dissemination and sharing of research results. See [Grant Proposal Guide \(GPG\) Chapter II.C.2.j](#) for full policy implementation.

Data Management & Sharing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmpfaqs.jsp>

10. Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is

pleased to announce a call for proposals for its 2011-2012 U.S. Faculty Scholar Grants Program www.vef.gov (from last week)

Deadline February 7, 2011

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11. Please check out information on our web site (password protected) at

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/>

12. Get ready for the IGERT pre-proposal call

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12759

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