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SUMMARY

March 16-31 2009

Funding Notices - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
3/23/09	ED Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)	<p><u>FYI:</u> Request for applications under the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research's (NIDRR) Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs) for FY 2009.</p> <p>Estimated funding: \$950,000</p> <p>Application deadline: 5/22/09</p> <p>Authorized in the <i>Rehabilitation Act of 1973</i>, as amended, DRRPs improve the effectiveness of services provided under the Act by developing procedures and technologies that enhance outcomes for individuals with disabilities, especially those with the most severe disabilities, in the areas of independent living and employment. The priorities for this funding notice are: "General Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Requirements" and "Technology Access in Resource-Limited Environments." See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6322.htm.</p>
3/23/09	ED Institute of Education Sciences (IES)	<p><u>FYI:</u> Request for applications under IES' National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) in FY 2010 for competitions for funding to support special education research.</p> <p>Estimated funding range: from \$1,280,000 to \$4,531,000, all programs</p> <p>Application deadlines: Refer to individual special education listings</p> <p>IES, which was established under the <i>Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002</i>, provides parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and others with solid information about education practices through its research grants programs. Under the four competitions for special education research, topics such as early intervention, transition outcomes, teacher quality, Autism Spectrum Disorders, postdoctoral research training, and assessment and accountability are included. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6320.htm.</p>
3/31/09	HUD Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development	<p><u>FYI:</u> Availability of information including a list of grantees to receive funding under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).</p> <p>Deadline: All funds - \$1.489 billion- must be spent within three years.</p> <p>Authorized in the <i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)</i>, HPRP will provide monetary assistance and services through formula allocation to metropolitan cities, urban counties, and states (who will then distribute to local governments and private nonprofit organizations) to aid individuals and families in danger of becoming homeless. The funding will provide for short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation, mediation, credit counseling, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-7182.htm.</p>

Other Notices – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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3/19/09	HHS	<p>Request for comments on the draft report entitled, “Public Consultation Draft Report on Gene Patents and Licensing Practices and Their Impact on Patient Access to Genetic Tests.”</p> <p>Comment deadline: 5/15/09</p> <p>The process toward a draft report started in 2004 when SACGHS identified a “high-priority issue” related to patient and clinical access to genetic tests. In 2006, SACGHS formed a task force to act as its guide in gathering needed information. The draft report contains SACGHS’ preliminary findings. Before submitting a final report to the Secretary of HHS, SACGHS needs public input on the “positive or negative effects gene patenting or licensing practices have had, are having, or may have on patient and clinical access to genetic tests.” See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5936.htm.</p>
3/19/09	DOL	<p>Allotments to states for training and employment services as detailed in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), and a request for comments on the formula used to compute allotments for outlying areas.</p> <p>Comment deadline: 4/20/09</p> <p>The training and employment details in ARRA, the recently enacted stimulus package designed to aid the economy in the present crisis, cover activities that are authorized in the <i>Workforce Investment Act</i> (WIA) for training programs, adult services and youth activities. For adult services, including supportive services and needs-related payments, with a priority for those on public assistance and other low-income persons, the amount allotted is \$495,000,000. For youth activities, including summer employment, the amount allotted is \$1,188,000,000. The outlying areas are American Samoa, Guam, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, Palau, and the Virgin Islands. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6029.htm.</p>
3/27/09	AGRI	<p>Adjusted Income Eligibility Guidelines that determine eligibility under child nutrition programs.</p> <p>Effective date: 7/1/09</p> <p>With authority contained in the <i>Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act</i>, the department has published adjusted Income Eligibility Guidelines that determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period 7/1/09 through 6/30/10. Schools, institutions, and facilities that participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program use the guidelines. The adjusted guidelines reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6806.htm.</p>

3/30/09	HUD Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research	Request for comments on a methodology or approach for data collection under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). Comment deadline: 5/29/09 Based on provisions in the <i>Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008</i> , state agencies are required to submit annually certain demographic and economic information on households residing in properties receiving low-income housing tax credits. LIHTC provides a tax credit to owners of newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated low-income rental housing projects. HUD is seeking input from state agencies and others on a method or approach to reach the statutory requirements. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-7041.htm .
3/31/09	OMB – Dept. of Commerce Bureau of the Census	Request for comments on procedures for participating in an appeals process for the 2010 Decennial Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA). Comment deadline: 4/30/09 Based on provisions contained in the <i>Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994</i> , the Bureau of the Census is mandated to establish a program that will allow it to benefit from local knowledge in developing its Master Address File (MAF). Tribal, state, and local governments participating in LUCA may appeal determinations made by the Bureau of the Census related to the 2010 address list. Census information is used to determine what community services to provide and how to distribute billions in federal funds to local, state, and tribal governments. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-7176.htm .

Proposed Rules – Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

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None

Final Rules – Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

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3/27/09	HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Request for comments due to the delay in the effective date for the Medicaid program’s premiums and cost sharing final rule (see the 11/25/08 “Final Rules” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-27717.htm) Comment deadline: 4/27/09 The effective date is delayed until 12/31/09 CMS now needs to review both the November final rule in light of the new provisions contained in the <i>American Recovery and Reinvestment act of 2009</i> (ARRA) and the comments received earlier. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6907.htm .
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3/27/09 HUD **Delayed effective date for the final rule covering income and rent determination requirements for public and assisted housing programs (see the 2/11/09 “Final Rules” section of the *Federal Register Summary* or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3004.htm>).**
 Office of the Secretary **The effective date is delayed until 9/30/09**
 HUD now needs to conduct a thorough review of the final rule in light of the comments received earlier and based on the President’s January directive related to regulatory review. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6942.htm>.

Meeting Notices – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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3/25/09	SSA Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel (the Panel)	<p>Meeting Dates: 4/27 and 4/28/09 at 5:00 p.m., and 4/29/09 at 3:00 p.m. Meeting Place: Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, 165 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, GA</p> <p>This Panel is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the SSA commissioner on how to replace the current occupational titles used in the disability determination process with an “occupational information system tailored specifically for SSA’s disability programs and adjudicative needs.” The disability areas to be addressed include analysis of medical and vocational disability claims; occupational analysis, including definitions, mental/cognitive demands of work; and data collection, just to name a few. On the agenda are presentations on SSA’s policies, procedures, and business practices. A full agenda can be found at: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oidap/ one week prior to the meeting. A public comment period has been scheduled for 4/28 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Those wishing to testify or those in need of more information, should contact Panel Staff at 410-965-9617 or at OIDAP@ssa.gov.</p>
3/26/09	EPA Science Advisory Board Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC)	<p>Meeting Dates: 4/21/09 and 4/22/09 at 8:30 a.m. Meeting Place: Science Advisory Board Conference Center, 1025 F Street, NW, Room 3705, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>HSAC provides scientific and technical advice to the administrator of EPA on protecting against the environmental and health results of terrorism. As a result of the 2001 anthrax attacks in Washington, D.C., the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Subcommittee developed an interim-final draft Technical Assistance Document (TAD) in 2003 addressing responses to an actual or suspected terrorist attack involving anthrax. The document was revised in 2005. On the agenda is a discussion of the draft document now entitled, “Environmental Response Technical Assistance Document for Bacillus Anthracis Intentional Releases (BA-TAD).” The document and a full meeting agenda can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/sab. For more information about the meeting, contact Edward Hanlon at 202-343-9946 or at hanlon.edward@epa.gov.</p>

- 3/27/09 HHS
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Advisory Panel on Medicare Education
- Meeting Date: 4/22/09 at 8:30 a.m.**
Meeting Place: Hilton Washington Hotel Embassy row, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
Deadline for meeting registration: 4/15/09. Contact Lynne Johnson at Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov.
- This panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of HHS and to the Administrator of CMS on consumer education related to the Medicare program. On the agenda are strategies for Medicare outreach and education, a subgroup work summary, and a listening session with CMS leadership. To make a presentation during the meeting, to provide written comments, or to get more information about the meeting, contact Lynne Johnson at the e-mail address given above or at 410-786-0090. For more information about this panel and for meeting updates, go to: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/04_APME.asp.
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Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC)
- Meeting date: 4/14/09 at 9:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Discovery II Room, Washington, D.C.
Pre-registration is required by 4/6/09. Contact Timothy Greten at 202-646-3907 or at timothy.greten@dhs.gov.
- FRPCC, which is composed of 20 federal departments, agencies, and offices, works to ensure safety from "radiological incidents involving nuclear or radioactive materials, including acts of terrorism." On the agenda are subcommittee reports, new and old business. For more information about the committee, go to: http://www.fema.gov/about/divisions/thd_repp_frpcc.shtm. For more information about the meeting, contact Timothy Greten at the contact given above.

Presidential Documents – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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- 3/18/09 White House
- The President has proclaimed March 15 through March 21, 2009 as "National Poison Prevention Week 2009."**
- The President is continuing an awareness effort that began in 1962 to inform the public about the dangers of poisonous substances and to educate them about preventing and responding to poisonings. Every year, the nation's 61 poison centers receive reports on more than two million potential poison exposures, half of which involve children under the age of five. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6092.htm>.
- 3/25/09 White House
- The President has issued a memorandum entitled, "Ensuring Responsible Spending of Recovery Act Funds."**
- Last month, the President signed into law the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA). This stimulus vehicle is designed to modernize the Nation's infrastructure, provide energy independence, promote educational opportunities, improve access to affordable health care, provide tax relief for the middle class, and protect the neediest citizens. It is not, the President stressed, a vehicle to fund special interest projects. Therefore, the head of each executive department or agency is directed to "immediately take all necessary steps, to the extent consistent with the Act and other applicable law, to comply with this memorandum." See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6754.htm>.

