NSF, Census and BEA receive FY2012 budget allocations

The FY2012 minibus (instead of omnibus) $182 billion appropriation bill that passed Congress in November includes budgets for National Science Foundation (NSF), the US Bureau of Census and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The bill also extended the Continuing Resolution covering the remainder of government operations through December 16th. This extension covers pending appropriations for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The NSF budget allocation for FY2012 was $7,033,095,000 up $173,320,000 over FY2011. The Census budget for FY2012 of $943 million was less than its $1.05 billion FY2011 level. BEA’s budget allocation of $92.2 million was less than the FY2011 level of $93.4 million.

Key Government Decision-Making Positions Open

NICHD Associate Director of Extramural Programs
The Associate Director of Extramural Programs oversees the activities of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development’s extramural research programs. These programs involve over 3,100 research projects, a budget in excess of $1.1 billion, and a staff of 130 individuals. For more details about this position see http://www.jobs.nih.gov/vacancies/executive/nichdassocdirextrresch.htm.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

NSF Division Director for Social and Economic Sciences
The Director of the Division of Social and Economic Sciences provides leadership and direction to the NSF Division responsible for funding research and educational activities in the social and economic sciences. See http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/302811700?org=NSF

Deadline: December 16, 2011

NIA Solicits Proposals in Neuroeconomics of Aging
The National Institute of Aging has issued two funding announcements on Social Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics of Aging. The application due date is February 5th. Go to http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-337.html.
Funding Opportunities in Interdisciplinary Research at NSF

NSF's initiatives to foster interdisciplinary research and encourage international collaborative include:

CREATIV (Creative Research Awards for Transformative Interdisciplinary Ventures)


SEES (Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability) consists of the following interdisciplinary initiatives on environmental and economic sustainability:

- Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) (NSF 11-025) Deadlines (SEES Track): May 24, 2011; February 3, 2012
- Research Coordination Networks (RCN) (NSF 11-531) Deadlines (SEES Track): May 24, 2011; February 3, 2012
- Sustainability Research Networks (NSF 11-574) Deadlines: Preliminary Proposals: December 1, 2011; Full Proposals: April 1, 2012
- Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability Fellows (SEES Fellows) (NSF 11-575) Deadline: December 5, 2011
- Water, Sustainability and Climate (NSF 11-551) Deadline: October 19, 2011