NIST Seeking Mobile App Developers for Standards Reference Datasets
Forensic investigators, biochemical engineers, environmental researchers, and many other technically trained experts routinely use NIST Standard Reference Data (SRD) to identify trace chemicals and to design new experiments and products such as pharmaceuticals. Students from high school through graduate school use the same datasets to master the ropes of scientific discovery. With over 100 types of data available, however, finding exactly what you need quickly and easily can be challenging. Through a prize competition, NIST invites the civic hackathon community to develop innovative apps that aggregate and improve the usability of free NIST datasets and resources. Participants in this prize competition are invited to submit Apps that use eligible NIST SRD datasets listed on the Event Web site. Submissions are due for the contest by September 28, 2015. Total...... More information on the SRD datasets and evaluation of submissions is available here.

July 2015 House Science Committee Hearing: NIST Testimony
On July 8, 2015, Dr. Charles Romine, Director of the NIST Information Technology Laboratory testified before a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Research & Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight. The joint committee hearing entitled “Is the OPM Data Breach the Tip of the Iceberg?” webcast is accessible here. Dr. Romine's testimony is posted here.

Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) Meets at NIST
On July 20-21, 2015, the TGDC held a public meeting at NIST. The TGDC, a Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, provides recommendations on voluntary standards and guidelines related to voting equipment and technologies. It is composed of fourteen members selected from various standards boards and for their technical and scientific expertise related to voting systems and equipment. NIST chairs and manages the TGDC. The agenda and presentations from the recent meeting are posted here. The archived webcast of the July meeting can be streamed here.

Federal Funding Opportunities (FFOs)
NIST invites applications from eligible applicants to develop and disseminate data and tools to assess the economic impact of documentary standards. The awardee will collaborate with NIST to understand and empirically assess the role of various organizations, including standards developing organizations, in standards development and analyze the impacts that documentary standards have on U.S. economic activity and innovation. This FFO is posted on grants.gov here. Applications are due by COB August 24, 2015.

NIST also invites applications from eligible applicants to develop a data infrastructure of technology transfer activities across federal laboratories that can be used as a tool to empirically measure the economic impact of technology transfer activities from federal laboratories. Specifically, the awardee, in collaboration with NIST, will sponsor graduate and post-doctoral research; assess, define, and develop the data infrastructure and tools required to empirically measure the impact of technology transfer across the entire federal laboratory system; conduct systematic empirical analyses of technology transfer mechanisms across federal laboratories; conduct analyses to measure the economic impacts of technology transfer from federal laboratories; identify barriers to effective technology transfer from the federal laboratory system; and disseminate the data infrastructure, tools, and results of the analyses. This FFO is posted on grants.gov here. Applications are due by COB August 24, 2015.