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Disaster Resilience Federal Funding Opportunity

NIST released a [Federal Funding Opportunity](#) (FFO) on July 26, 2016 to help further President Obama's April 2016 commitment to enhancing the nation's built resilient infrastructure. This grants program competition is designed to encourage research in the areas of windstorm impact reduction and structural performance, disaster and failure studies, wild-land urban interface, and national earthquake hazards reduction.

The Disaster Resilience Research Grants Program seeks applications from eligible applicants to conduct research aimed at advancing the principles of resilience in building design and building codes and standards. Research proposals must support the overall effort of developing science-based building codes by evaluating potential technologies and architectural design criteria to improve disaster resilience in the built environment. An [informational webinar](#) on the FFO will be held August 26, 2016.

Additional information on this FFO is available online [here](#). Applications must be received at Grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, Friday, September 23, 2016.

Request for Nominations: National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction

NIST invites the nomination of individuals for appointment to the [National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction](#). This is a new Federal Advisory Committee established pursuant to the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015 ([Pub. L. 114-52](#)). NIST will consider nominations received in response to a Federal Register Notice for appointment to the Committee. The deadline for nominations is August 19, 2016.

Four New Members Appointed to Baldrige Awards Panel

Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker recently appointed four new members to three-year terms on the Judges Panel for the [Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#). Ms. Tammy Dye is vice president of clinical services and chief quality officer for Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, IN, a 2011 Baldrige Award recipient. Dye has served on the Baldrige Program's Board of Examiners for five years since 2010, including three years as a senior examiner from 2013 through 2015. Major General John C. Harris, Jr., is assistant adjutant general for the U.S. Army and commander of the Ohio Army National Guard, based in Columbus, OH. He is a Baldrige Fellow who participated in the 2012 cohort of the executive leadership program. Dr. Lawrence D. Ramunno is chief medical officer at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. He served as a Baldrige examiner for 11 years between 2001 and 2015, including two years as a senior examiner and six years as an alumni examiner. Ms. Diane "Dee" Springer is director of Eaton Business Excellence Assessment for Eaton Corporation in Marysville, WA. Starting in 2003, she volunteered for 13 consecutive years on the Baldrige Program's Board of Examiners.

The 2016 judges' panel will next meet on August 17, 2016 at NIST to review scoring data from the 2016 examiner teams. At that meeting, the judges will determine which of the thirty four 2016 Baldrige Award applicants will receive site visits—the next phase of the process of assessing each organization's performance and determining national role models. In early November, the judges will meet to determine applicants to recommend to the NIST director and Commerce secretary to be named 2016 Baldrige Award recipients.

Trace Evidence Workshop Webcast

Since 2012, [NIST](#) has been involved in efforts to assist in expanding the availability of data and reference materials for various forensic disciplines including biometrics and firearms. On July 19-20, 2016, NIST held an event titled; "[Trace Evidence Data Workshop: Improving Technology and Measurement in Forensic Science.](#)" This event is a part of an effort at NIST to gather feedback from the practitioners and researchers in the forensic science community on further improving access and expanding the development of datasets useful for trace forensic evidence. A copy of the agenda for the workshop is posted on line [here](#). The webcast of the July workshop has been archived and is accessible [here](#).



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