

NIST Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs

January 2016 Constituent Newsletter

James Harris Named to NCST Advisory Committee

James R. Harris, president, J.R. Harris and Co., has been appointed by NIST Director Dr. Willie E. May, to serve a two-year term on the [National Construction Safety Team \(NCST\) Advisory Committee](#). The NCST, established in 2003, advises NIST on its technical investigations of structural failures and fires that the agency's [Disaster and Failures Studies Program](#) conducts under the authorities of the NCST Act ([Public Law 107-231](#)).

NIST Seeks Nominations to Federal Advisory Committees

In a December 8, 2015 Federal Register Notice, NIST invited nomination of individuals for appointment to existing Federal Advisory Committees that advise the agency: the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board; the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board; the National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction; the NIST Smart Grid Advisory Committee; and the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. The Federal Register Notice is posted [here](#). Nominations for all committees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as vacancies arise.

SURF 2016 Applications: Informational Webinars

Applications from undergraduates and colleges/universities for the 2016 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program are due no later than 11:59 pm on February 12, 2016. Detailed information on the application process is posted [here](#). On January 7, 2016 at 1:30 PM EST and on January 21, 2016 at 2:30 PM EST, NIST will conduct informational webinars regarding the college/university application process. Registration information for these webinars will be posted on the [SURF website](#).

NIST 2016 Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers

NIST is soliciting applications from eligible public school districts and accredited private educational institutions in the U.S. and its territories. These eligible institutions would nominate middle school science teachers in grades six (6), seven (7), and/or eight (8), to participate in the NIST Summer Institute Program. The [NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Teachers](#) will provide selected teachers hands-on activities, lectures, tours, and visits with NIST scientists and engineers at the NIST Campus in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The Federal Funding Opportunity grant notice is posted [here](#). The deadline for electronic applications is 11:59 pm Friday March 4, 2016.

MEP State Partnership Support Project: Round III

NIST invites proposals from eligible organizations to provide in-depth collaborative support in developing and advancing stakeholder relationships that are critical to the success of the [Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership](#) (MEP) program, based on the recipient's expertise and knowledge of State manufacturing and technology agendas. [NIST MEP](#) is a federal-state-industry partnership program. The MEP system of Centers and field offices throughout the U.S. provides a mechanism to integrate federal and state public policy goals, respond to market forces and address the needs of manufacturing sectors and of individual manufacturers. This Federal Funding Opportunity is posted online [here](#). The deadline for electronic submissions is 11:59 pm EST, February 29, 2016.

Precision Measurement Grant Program FFO

Since 1970, NIST, as part of its research program, has provided funding under the [Precision Measurement Grant Program](#) (PMGP) primarily to universities and colleges so that faculty may conduct significant research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants. NIST sponsors these research projects primarily to encourage basic, measurement-related research in universities & colleges and other research laboratories, and to foster contacts between NIST scientists and those faculty members of academic institutions and other researchers who are actively engaged in such

work. The 2016 PMGP Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is posted [here](#). Abbreviated applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, February 2, 2016.



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