

**New Director sought for Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)**

NIST is seeking a new director for the NIST Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), a growing nationwide assistance program for smaller manufacturers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The Director of the [Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program](#) is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and controlling the activities of the MEP, formulating its programs, policies, and procedures, and ensuring that they are carried out. NIST encourages all qualified applicants to apply for this leadership position.

Detailed information on this vacancy announcement can be found [here](#). Interested applicants must apply through [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). The deadline for applying is COB Monday, December 1, 2014.

**Electrical Grid 3.0 Roundtable to meet at NIST**

The [Smart Grid Interoperability Panel](#), along with NIST, and electrical grid stakeholder organizations will host the “Electricity Sector Issues Roundtable: Grid 3.0 and Beyond” on Thursday, November 13, 2014. This webcast event will bring together thought leaders and experts to discuss and align on the critical issues facing the electricity sector and explore the interoperability-related challenges associated with these issues. Roundtable participants will represent a variety of stakeholders including utilities, regulators, federal agencies, manufacturers, and researchers. Complete information on the Roundtable, including the agenda and a link to the webcast is available [here](#).

The Roundtable is the first step of a two-step process. The next step is to organize an open workshop that brings together subject matter experts to drill down into the interoperability challenges identified at the Roundtable and determine the development work needed to overcome them. More details on the scheduling of the follow on workshop event will be announced when available in this newsletter.

**December Symposium will Showcase Forensics at NIST**

To spotlight measurement services to the forensics community, NIST is hosting “[Forensics@NIST 2014](#)” on Dec.3-4, 2014, at NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, Md. Attendees at the two-day symposium will learn how NIST’s laboratories and staff support many branches of forensic science including DNA analysis, fingerprint impression analysis, biometrics, ballistics, and computer and cell phone forensics. The event will feature numerous lectures and poster presentations by NIST scientists, engineers and collaborators. Complete information on the Symposium, including online links to registration and a draft agenda is posted [here](#). Registration closes Nov. 26, 2014.

For those unable to attend “Forensics@NIST 2014” in person, the presentations will be webcast. Details on how to access the program will be posted before December 3rd on the [symposium homepage](#).

**NIST Advisory Committee meets in Boulder, Colorado**

The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology ([VCAT](#)) met at NIST's Boulder Colorado campus on October 8th and 9th, 2014. The VCAT is a Federal Advisory Committee that reviews and makes recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs, within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda and slide presentations from the October meeting are posted [here](#). The next scheduled VCAT meeting is February 4th-5th, 2015 in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

