

Selected Federal Agency Announcements and Related for the Week of September 10, 2018

The following is a selection of recent announcements gleaned from various federal sources and colleagues, and is provided to EDA’s Economic Development Integrators to increase our awareness of complementary resources for economic development.

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Funding & Resource Announcements

Announcements of Federal Funding & Assistance Available:

Economic Development

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program –Accepting Applications

The US Economic Development Administration posted a Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on www.grants.gov regarding *Economic Development Assistance Program* grants available for construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Programs. Through this FY2018 NOFO, EDA will also designate a portion of its EAA funding to support communities and regions that have been negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy (Assistance to Coal Communities, or ACC 2018). Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP NOFO. See: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=306735>

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums. Apply by Nov 1

Does your economic development strategy include museums and cultural institutions? **The Institute of Museum and Library Services** has announced availability of Inspire! Grants for Small Museums. This special initiative of the Museums for America Program is designed to inspire small museums to apply for and implement projects that address priorities identified in their strategic plan. IMLS invites applications that focus on providing rich learning experiences for individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances; supporting partnerships aimed at assessing and addressing the needs of their communities; strengthening the role of museums as trusted stewards of the collections in their care; and/or expanding access to collections and associated resources. *Closing Date: November 1, 2018*

Two additional IMLS funding opportunities for museums are also open until Nov 1:

[Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services](#)

The goal of the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services program (NANH program) is to support Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians. It is intended to provide opportunities to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge through strengthened activities in areas such as exhibitions, educational services and programming, professional development, and collections stewardship. *Closing Date: November 1, 2018*

[Museum Grants for African American History & Culture](#)

The goals of the Museum Grants for African American History and Culture program (AAHC program) are to build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums. The AAHC program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). *Closing Date: November 1, 2018*

International Trade

USDA Agricultural Trade Promotion Program. Apply by Nov 2

The Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) will help U.S. agricultural exporters develop new markets and will help mitigate the adverse effects of other countries' tariff and non-tariff barriers. The ATP provides cost-share assistance to eligible U.S. organizations for activities such as consumer advertising, public relations, point-of-sale demonstrations, participation in trade fairs and exhibits, market research, and technical assistance. The ATP is available to all sectors of U.S. agriculture, including fish and forest product producers, mainly through partnerships with non-profit national and regional organizations. FAS administers the ATP under authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

Applications must be submitted by **November 2, 2018**. Funding will be allocated to eligible participants in early 2019. [Detailed application information is available here.](#)

Infrastructure

USDA Publishes Notice of Solicitation for FY19 REAP Applications (Rural Energy for America Program)

USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service has published a Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) in the August 14 FEDERAL REGISTER prior to passage of a final appropriations act. This publication allows potential applicants time to submit applications for financial assistance under Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, and give the Agency time to process applications within the current FY.

The REAP has two types of funding assistance:

- The Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvement Assistance provides grants and guaranteed loans to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to their operations.
- The Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grant is available to establish programs to assist agricultural producers and rural small businesses with evaluating the energy efficiency and the potential to incorporate renewable energy technologies into their operations.

The Agency will publish the amount of funding received in any continuing resolution or the final appropriations act on its website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>.

Workforce

SBA Announces Decrease in Surety Bond Guarantee Fees for Small Businesses/Contractors

The U.S. Small Business Administration announces the first fee decrease in Surety Bond Guarantees in 12 years. The Surety Bond Guarantee (SBG) program is reducing the Surety fee from 26 percent to 20 percent of the bond premium charged to the small businesses and reducing its contractor fee from \$7.29 per thousand dollars of the contract amount to \$6.00 per thousand dollars of the contract amount.

Under its SBG program, the SBA guarantees bid, payment and performance bonds for small and emerging contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels. SBA guarantees contracts up to \$10 million, including the streamlined QuickApp application for those up to \$400,000.

For more information contact your local [SBA District Office](#).

USDA Seeks Applications under the Delta Health Care Services Grant Program.

The USDA'S Rural Business-Cooperative Service announced it is seeking applications for the Delta Health Care Services Grant program. **Discretionary Points** may be Awarded to Applications Providing Treatment and Counseling Services for Opioid Abuse. The Service has identified \$3,558,000 for investment with a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000. Electronic Applications due by November 19, 2018. Anticipated Award Date: January 31, 2019. Full background / definitions / eligibility requirements / access to application package / application requirements <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-29/pdf/2018-18682.pdf>

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta Region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and **economic development entities** in the Delta Region. Additional program information is available on the Rural Development website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/delta-health-care-services-grants>

Previously Announced Federal Funding Opportunities Closing Soon:

Below is a list of previously highlighted funding opportunities that are still open. Enter the Opportunity Number in [Grants.gov](#) to see announcement details. You can also search [Grants.gov](#) for a full list of current federal opportunities, including programs not listed below.

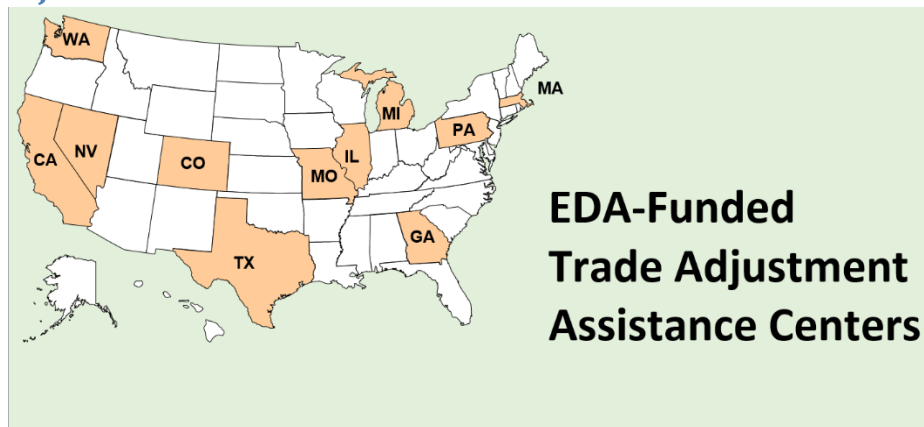
Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	AGENCY	Posted Date	Close Date
EDAP2018	FY 2018 Economic Development Assistance Programs. Application submission and program requirements for EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs	DOC-EDA	07/02/2018	
FOA-ETA-18-04	YouthBuild	DOL-ETA	05/18/2018	09/18/2018

EDA-HDO-RNTA-2018-2005669	Economic Development Research and National Technical Assistance FY18-FY20	DOC	05/31/2018	09/30/2020
NSF 17-590	Improving Undergraduate STEM Education	NSF	08/22/2017	10/01/2018
FOA-ETA-18-08	Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies	DOL-ETA	07/18/2018	10/16/2018
NOAA-NMFS-SE-2019-2005794	FY 2019 Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN)	DOC	08/22/2018	10/23/2018
USDA-NIFA-SBIR-006649	Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Fiscal Year 2019	USDA-NIFA	07/23/2018	10/25/2018
IGSM-FY19	Inspire! Grants for Small Museums	IMLS	08/16/2018	11/01/2018
AAHC-FY19	Museum Grants for African American History & Culture	IMLS	08/16/2018	11/01/2018
2018-09	Agricultural Trade Promotion Program	USDA-FAS-OTP	08/31/2018	11/02/2018
RDBCP-DHCS-2018	Delta Health Care Service Grant Program	USDA-RBCS	09/07/2018	11/19/2018

NEW Recently Announced Awards:

EDA Funds Eleven Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers

The Economic Development Administration has announced \$13 million in Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants will be issued to support 11 Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs) that help American manufacturers hurt by imports adjust to increasing global competition. For more info on TAAF, visit:



<https://www.eda.gov/pdf/about/TAAF-Program-1-Pager.pdf>

NIST Awards \$7 Million to MEP Centers in 7 States and Puerto Rico

The U.S. Commerce Department’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) has made eight additional cooperative agreement awards as part of its 2017-NIST-MEP-CAP-01 Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). The following eight MEP Centers will receive awards totaling approximately \$7.04 Million to add capabilities to the MEP Program including the development of projects to solve new or emerging manufacturing problems that are not already provided for under a Center’s base MEP award:

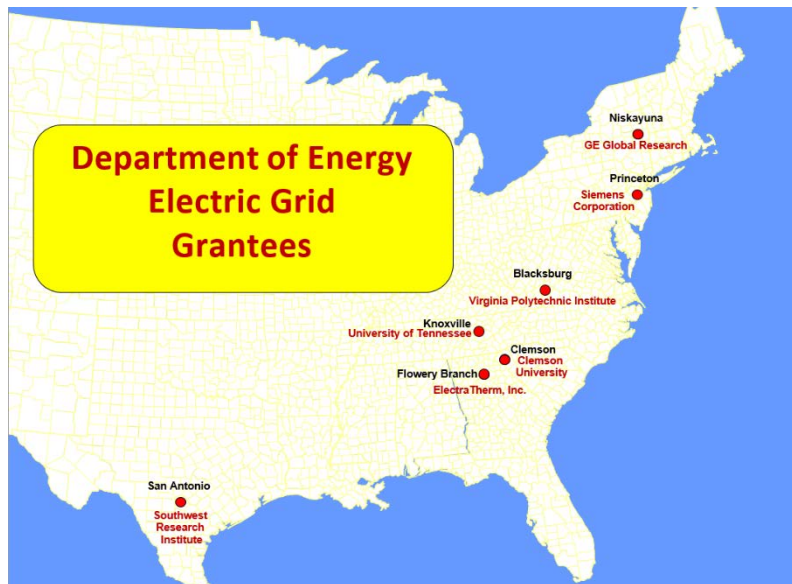
- **Georgia Tech Research Corporation (Atlanta)**
- **University of South Dakota (Vermillion)**
- **High Technology Development Corporation (Honolulu)**
- **Missouri Incutech Foundation (Rolla)**
- **New York State Department of Economic Development (Albany)**
- **Montana State University (Bozeman)**
- **Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno (Reno)**
- **Puerto Rico Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. (Hato Rey)**

Project themes included new manufacturing technologies of relevance to small and medium-sized manufacturers, particularly those related to Industry/Manufacturing 4.0; supply chain management technologies and practices; and workforce intermediary and business services. In determining focus areas, the NIST MEP Director consulted with SMMs through the publication in the Federal Register of a Request for Information (RFI) on identification of New Capabilities Needed by the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Program (see 81 FR 90326, December 2016).

Energy Department Selects 7 R&D Projects to Help Support Small to Mid-Sized Manufacturers

The U.S. Department of Energy announced the selection of seven projects that will receive up to \$10 million towards the research and development of technologies that enable small-to-midsize manufacturers to use combined heat and power (CHP) systems to provide services to the electric grid.

A reliable and resilient grid is critical to U.S. economic growth and energy security. As the grid interconnects a growing number of renewable energy sources - like wind and solar - the intermittent nature of power generation from these renewable sources creates challenges for power system operations. Electric utilities and other system operators face an increasing and immediate need for additional power to keep the electric grid stable and secure.



The news release and listing of grantees with project descriptions can be found at:

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/energy-department-selects-seven-projects-develop-combined-heat-and-power-technologies>

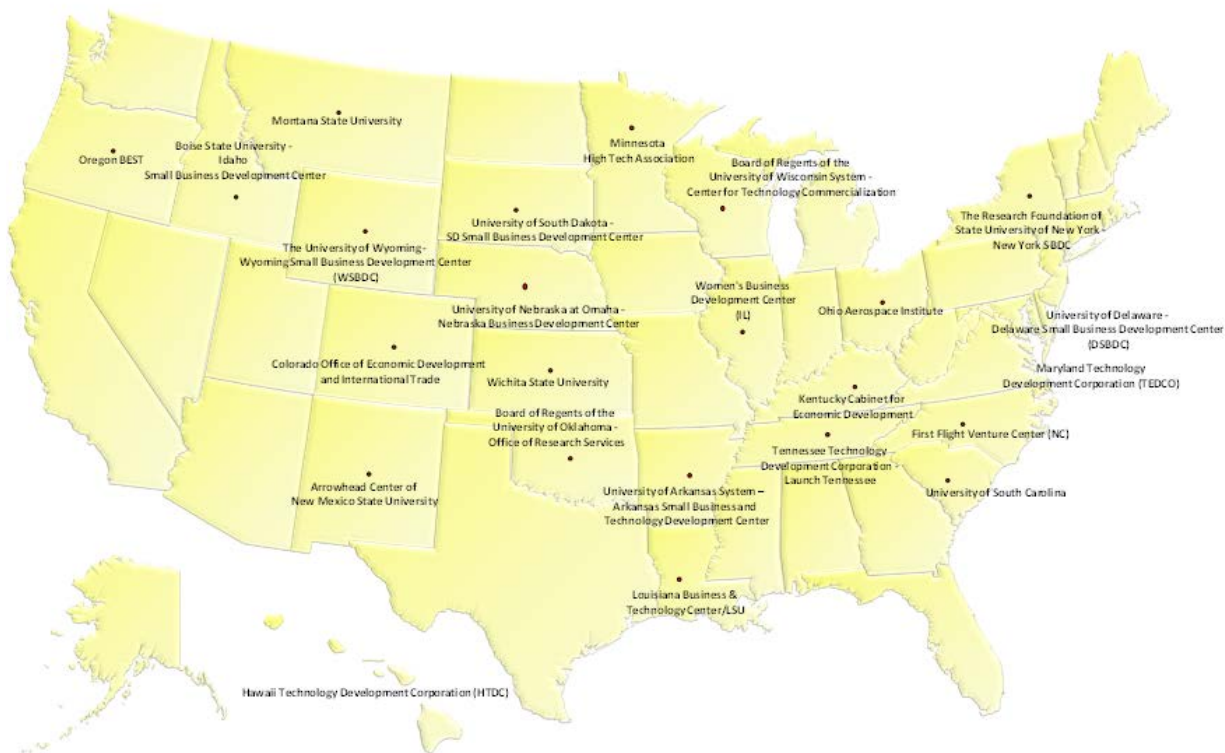
SBA Awards 24 FAST Grants to Support Small Business Innovation and R&D Commercialization

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has granted 24 awards for \$125,000 in FY 2018 under the Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program. Recipients include state and local economic development entities, Small Business Technology Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, incubators, accelerators, colleges, and universities that provide support to small businesses developing and commercializing high risk technologies.

The FAST award project and budget periods are for 12 months, beginning September 30, 2018.

FAST is designed to stimulate economic development with outreach, training, mentoring, financial support, and business/technical assistance to R&D focused small businesses, with a particular emphasis on fostering participation from women-owned, rural-based, and socially/economically disadvantaged firms to help them compete in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

Recipients of FY 2018 funding, for project performance in FY 2019:



FAST provides one-year funding to organizations to execute state/regional programs that increase the number of SBIR/STTR proposals (through outreach, training and financial support); increase the number of SBIR/STTR awards (through business assistance and mentoring); and better prepare SBIR/STTR awardees for commercialization success (through business assistance and mentoring).

HUD Awards Choice Neighborhood Planning Grants

Expanding on its commitment to help local communities redevelop severely distressed HUD assisted housing and revitalize neighborhoods, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded nearly \$5 million to six communities. Funded through HUD's Choice Neighborhoods program, these grants will help local leaders to craft comprehensive, homegrown plans to revitalize and transform these neighborhoods. [Read local summaries of the grants announced.](#)

HUD is awarding Choice Neighborhood Planning grants to the following communities:

State	Lead Recipient (Co-Recipient, if applicable)	Target Housing Address	City	Amount
AL	Housing Authority of the City of Phenix City (City of Phenix, AL)	Frederick Douglass Homes, 400 12th Ave, Phenix, AL 36867	Phoenix	\$250,000
AZ	City of Tucson	Tucson House, 1501 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705	Tucson	\$1,300,000
IL	Urban Strategies, Inc. (Housing Authority of the City of East St. Louis)	Samuel Gompers Homes, 450 N. 6th Street, East St. Louis, IL 62201	East St. Louis	\$350,000
MD	Housing Authority of Baltimore City	Poe Homes, 800 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201	Baltimore	\$1,300,000
NJ	Housing Authority of the City of Camden	Ablett Village, 307 Ablett Village, Camden, NJ 08105	Camden	\$350,000
WI	Marquette University (Near West Side Partners)	College Court, 3334 W Highland Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53208	Milwaukee	\$1,300,000
TOTAL				\$4,850,000

The [CPD Funding Matrix and Dashboard Reports](#), as of September 4, 2018, have been posted to HUD Exchange.

These reports provide funding information for each city and state that receive CPD program funds, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Continuum of Care (CoC), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), HOME, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Housing Trust Fund (HTF).

Reports detail the size of each grant received over the past several years, as well as the total amount of funds currently available to be spent on affordable housing and community and economic development activities

Public Meetings, Events and Training

NEW Secretary of Commerce Announces New Director of Minority Business Development Agency

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced on September 5 that Henry Childs, II will be the new National Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). Mr. Childs will be the 17th National Director of the agency. Established by an Executive Order in 1969, MBDA is the only Federal agency solely dedicated to the growth and global competitiveness of U.S. minority-owned businesses.

In addition to his appointment as the National Director of MBDA, Mr. Childs serves as the Policy Advisor to the White House's Office of Public Liaison where he leads the Administration's outreach to the African American community. He also works closely with the Office of American Innovation on economic development issues for urban areas and urban revitalization.

Prior to his appointment as the National Director of MBDA, Mr. Childs served as the **Economic Development Administration** (EDA) Senior Advisor and Director of Strategic Initiatives for the U.S. Department of Commerce. As Senior Advisor and Director of Strategic Initiatives, he provided counsel on economic development and fostered partnerships with other federal agencies as well as national and

international organizations. Mr. Childs also oversees the Department of Commerce's \$1 billion in supplemental Congressional funds for disaster recovery and readiness grants after the natural disasters of 2017.

NEW Building Talent Pipelines or Apprentices Programs? SkillsCommons Webinars Offer Practical Advice:

- [Sept 12 at 4PM ET: Aligning Workforce Development Stakeholders](#)
How do higher education institutions, workforce systems, and employers strengthen partnerships to better serve talent pipelines across sectors? Innovate together! Discover detailed approaches, tools, and resources for developing statewide performance data system and creating registered apprenticeships in a non-traditional industry sector (healthcare). Explore adoptable and adaptable apprenticeship and partnership building tools found on California State University-MERLOT SkillsCommons.org.
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 4:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM ET
Registration: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2018/08/28/13/58/SkillsCommons-Field-Guide-of-TAACCT-Innovations-Aligning-Workforce-Development-Stakeholders>
- [Sept 13 at 1PM ET: Meeting the Workforce Challenges of the Water Sector: A Competency Model Approach](#)
Gain a working knowledge about the organization and purpose of the competency model, and understand how the model could be used to help address your own workforce challenges. Hear about a “real world” application of the model with the National Rural Water Association which helped that organization serve the needs of small and rural water utilities.
Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM ~ 2:30 PM ET
Registration: <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2018/07/13/13/34/Meeting-the-Workforce-Challenges-of-the-Water-Sector-A-Competency-Model-Approach>

NEW NTIA Broadband Webinar on Sep 19 at 2pm ET

Join the next BroadbandUSA Practical Broadband Conversations Webinar Series: [Innovative and Emerging Broadband Technologies: Providing Economical Alternatives for Rural Broadband Access](#)

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern

We will discuss new, emerging and innovative wireless technologies currently being tested and/or deployed to address rural broadband challenges. Our scheduled speakers include:

- Mathis Shinnick, Chief Executive Officer, OptiPulse, Inc.; & John Joseph, Founder, Inventor and President, OptiPulse, Inc.
- Therese Jones, Senior Director of Policy, Satellite Industry Association
- Keith Walker, Chief Executive Officer, AER Wireless & Dr. Sisso El-Hamamsy, Chief Executive Officer, Mage Networks

Want to access past Practical Broadband Conversations webinars?

Visit our [Webinar Archives](#) for past presentations, transcripts and audio recordings.

NEW EPA Webinar on Clean Energy Financing, Oct 1 at 2:30 ET

Clean Energy Finance: Green Banking Strategies for Local Governments Monday, October 1 from 1-2:30PM Eastern

Local governments are pursuing innovative financing to support energy efficiency, renewable energy and other clean energy investments in their operations and communities. Join us to learn about exciting advancements in green banking in the United States and how these strategies can help local governments pursue their environmental, energy, and economic priorities. Our speakers will provide an overview of green banks, the services and benefits they offer, other types of green banking opportunities, and important considerations for local governments interested in engaging in green banking. As part of this webinar, you will hear about experiences from the Connecticut Green Bank, which has worked extensively with local governments and is leading innovations in the field of clean energy finance, and the Montgomery County Green Bank in Maryland, the first U.S. green bank administered by a local government.

To join us, please [register](#).

NEW Treasury Invites Comments on Changing CRA Regulations, by Nov 19

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC or agency) invites comments on this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) to solicit ideas for building a new framework to transform or modernize the regulations that implement the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA). Comments on this ANPR must be received on or before November 19, 2018. View the federal register notice for areas of comment sought and additional details:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/09/05/2018-19169/reforming-the-community-reinvestment-act-regulatory-framework>

Exports as a Source of Jobs: Department of Commerce Updates Trade Fair Certification Program

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Trade Fair Certification program is a cooperative partnership arrangement between private sector show organizers and the U.S. government to increase U.S. exports and to expand U.S. participation in overseas trade shows. Through the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, the program provides Department of Commerce endorsement, show-related services, oversight and coordination of event services, promotional support, exhibitor marketing facilitation, and in-country/show site assistance for private sector organizers to recruit and build a U.S. Pavilion at selected foreign trade shows. These shows serve as a vital access vehicle for U.S. firms to enter and expand foreign markets. The certified show/U.S. pavilion ensures a high-quality, multi-faceted opportunity for American companies to successfully market overseas.

The Department's International Trade Administration has updated the Trade Fair Certification (TFC) program to revise the application mailing address and the deadline for application submission for the Program. In particular, the lead time to apply for certification has been reduced from 270 days prior to the start date of the show to 180 days, and a 5-day grace period has also been included. The updated TFC program guidelines can be found at: https://2016.export.gov/tradefairs/eg_main_018560.asp.

No Cost TA Available on EPA Brownfields Communities Program

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities.

For more information, visit EPA's webpage for the full [technical assistance description](#).

Also Upcoming:

- **NERETA's Developing a Talent Pipeline for the Healthcare Industry (September 17 – 18, Scranton, PA)** <http://summit.nereta.org/>
- **University Economic Development Association Summit (October 21 – 24, Milwaukee, WI)** <http://www.UEDAAnnualSummit.org>
- **NTIA Broadband Summit on October 30 (Roanoke, Virginia)**
[Notice of Virginia Broadband Summit 10/30/2018](#)
- **National League of Cities' City Summit (November 7 -10, Los Angeles, CA)**
<https://citysummit.nlc.org/2018-conference-workshops/>
- **Association of Public & Land Grant Universities' Annual Meeting (*with focus on resilience, talent and workforce development*) (November 11 – 13, New Orleans)**
<http://www.aplu.org/meetings-and-events/events/2018-aplu-annual-meeting>

Reports, Tools and Data

NEW HUD Community Planning and Development Funding by City/State Posted

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Department of Labor Announces Launch of Apprenticeship.gov to feature Apprenticeship Finder Tool and Other Resources

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the launch of a new digital platform, [Apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov). Site contains the Apprenticeship Finder, a no-cost tool to employers or career seekers, is addressing a need shared by employers who are looking to promote their apprenticeship opportunities and career seekers searching to access them. The Department collaborated with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies and DirectEmployers to create the Apprenticeship Finder tool using their jobs database, the National Labor Exchange (NLX). The Apprenticeship Finder tool currently displays thousands of apprenticeship opportunities based on NLX data. Visit <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/why-apprenticeship#step1> to learn how to add your apprenticeship.

Deloitte Releases “Reinventing Workforce Development: Making Job Training More Effective”

Disaster Recovery Resources & Info

Primary site for Disaster Recovery Assistance: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

NEW FEMA Actively Monitoring, Planning for Hurricane Florence

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through its headquarters in Washington, D.C., and regional offices in Atlanta, Georgia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as well as our federal partners, are actively monitoring the continuing track of Hurricane Florence and coordinating closely with state and tribal officials. FEMA encourages individuals in the mid-Atlantic to visit the following resources for the latest from the National Weather Service (NWS).

- National Hurricane Center: www.NHC.NOAA.gov/ and on Twitter [@NHC_Atlantic](https://twitter.com/NHC_Atlantic)
- National Weather Service: www.Weather.gov/

NEW USVI Governor’s Hurricane Task Force Publishes Final Report

U.S. Virgin Islands Hurricane Recovery and Resilience Task Force released its final [273-page report](#) to help guide reconstruction and resiliency efforts in the Territory in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The report includes more than 200 recommendations on the USVI’s long-term recovery to improve critical infrastructure and public services and make businesses more resilient to future storms and other natural disasters. The final report can be accessed at www.usvihurricanetaskforce.org.

Funding Assistance for Recovery Efforts:

USDA Has Nearly \$2 Billion Available to Assist Eligible Producers Affected by 2017 Hurricanes and Wildfires

Agricultural producers affected by hurricanes and wildfires in 2017 now may apply for assistance to help recover and rebuild their farming operations. Signup begins July 16, 2018, and continues through November 16, 2018.

See: <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/07/16/nearly-2-billion-now-available-eligible-producers-affected-2017>

EDA Has Supplemental Funding Available for Areas Impacted by 2017 Hurricanes, Wildfires and Other Disasters

In April 2018, EDA issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity, (EDA-2018-DISASTER) inviting applications for \$587 million in grants available to eligible entities to address economic challenges in disaster-impacted areas. These grants will support disaster recovery activities in areas receiving a major disaster designation as a result of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and wildfires and other 2017 natural disasters. EDA plans to accept proposals on a rolling basis until all funds are obligated. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. See the following links for details:

- View the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) EDA-2018-DISASTER](#) on Grants.gov
- See EDA's Disaster Assistance website for more info including: [EDA's Disaster Supplemental FAQ sheet](#) and EDA Regional Office contacts.
- Read EDA's press release for more information: [U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Availability of \\$587 Million to Aid Communities Impacted by Natural Disasters in 2017](#)
- *For more information, please [contact your regional offices](#)*

Updates on FEMA Response in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands

- The federal government remains active in supporting local recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following the 2017 Hurricanes. Click on these links to find [up-to-date information](#) on FEMA's response to [Puerto Rico](#) and the [U.S. Virgin Islands](#) on FEMA's webpage

Where to Find Federal Disaster Declarations

- Is your home, business or community included in a federally declared emergency or disaster area? You can find the latest federal emergency and disaster declarations, as well as prior declarations for other areas, on [FEMA's disaster declarations webpage](#).

Amended Declarations

Existing Declarations may be subsequently amended to expand covered areas, provide notification that an incident has been closed, or make other necessary changes.

These are posted in the Federal Register here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/federal-emergency-management-agency#documents>

Economic Recovery Support

- Read more about the Economic Recovery Support Function and the National Disaster Response Framework here: <https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/>