Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 6C6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Craig A. Jordan, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Activities NIDCD, NIH, Room 8345, MSC 9670, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892–9670, 301–496–8693, *jordanc@nidcd.nih.gov.*

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: *http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/Pages/Advisory-Groups-and-Review-Committees.aspx,* where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 17, 2014.

Melanie J. Gray,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2); notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate requests for preclinical development resources for potential new therapeutics for the treatment of cancer. The outcome of the evaluation will provide information to internal NCI committees that will decide whether NCI should support requests and make available contract resources for development of the potential therapeutic to improve the treatment of various forms of cancer. The research proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposed research projects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program (Cycle 17 NExT).

Date: August 22, 2014.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To evaluate the NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program Portfolio.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6C06, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Barbara Mroczkowski, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Discovery Experimental Therapeutics Program, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 31 Center Drive, Room 3A44, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–4291, *mroczkoskib@mail.nih.gov.*

Joseph Tomaszewski, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Development Experimental Therapeutics Program, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 31 Center Drive, Room 3A44, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–6711, *tomaszej@mail.nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Announcement of Requirements and Registration for ''Stories of Basic Science to Medical Advances'' Challenge

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 3719.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), one of the components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), announces a challenge titled ''Stories of Basic Science to Medical Advances.'' This Challenge aims to track medical advances stemming from NIGMS-supported basic science.

DATES: Submission Period: July 21, 2014—October 20, 2014.

Judging Period: October 21, 2014—November 20, 2014.

Winners announced: 14 days after judging is complete.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darren Sledjeski, Ph.D. 301–594–0943, *nigms_challenges@mail.nih.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of NIGMS is to support basic, non-disease-targeted research that increases understanding of life processes and lays the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. NIGMS-funded researchers seek to answer important scientific questions to increase our knowledge about the mechanisms and pathways involved in diseases and develop new tools and techniques that have medical applications. NIGMS' strategic plan states that one of its goals is to ''advance awareness and understanding of the basic biomedical research enterprise, including its value, requirements, and potential impact.'' Accomplishing this goal, however, can be difficult because the path between basic discoveries and their applications is often long, and the connections can be hard to track.

In addition to tracking the medical advances stemming from NIGMS-supported science, the Challenge is also intended to attract more interest and attention to the basic science research funded by NIGMS; stimulate innovation by acknowledging the key role that NIGMS funded research plays in laying the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention; and advance the statutory purpose of NIGMS to ''conduct and support research and health information dissemination with respect to general or basic medical sciences and related natural and behavioral sciences which have significance for two or more other national research institutes or are outside the general area of responsibility of any other national research institute.'' 42 U.S.C. 285k.

Subject of Challenge: NIH seeks the public's help in capturing NIGMS' progress toward its strategic goal to ''advance awareness and understanding of the basic biomedical research enterprise, including its value, requirements, and potential impact.'' The goal of the Challenge is to identify past advances that are serving (or have served) to improve human health and well-being but not ongoing studies that may, in the future, have a major impact. NIGMS will use these examples to help inform the historical context of scientific breakthroughs and NIGMS'

role in supporting them. These examples will augment the institute's ongoing efforts to link advances in human health and well-being to taxpayer-supported basic research and to stimulate further innovation by explaining the value and the impact of basic research on human health.

Eligibility Rules for Participating in the Challenge; Official Rules: The Challenge is open to any ''Contestant.'' A ''Contestant'' may be (i) an entity or (ii) an individual or group of individuals (i.e., a team), each of whom is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States and 18 years of age or older. Contestants may submit more than one entry.

1. To be eligible to win a prize under this Challenge, the Contestant

a. Shall have registered to participate in the Challenge under these rules.

b. Shall have complied with all the requirements set forth in this Notice.

c. To the extent a private entity shall be incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States, and to the extent an individual, whether participating singly or in a group, shall be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

d. May not be a Federal entity.

e. May not be a Federal employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment and, further, in the case of HHS employees, may not work on their submission(s) during assigned duty hours.

i. Note, Federal employees seeking to participate in this Challenge outside the scope of their employment should consult their ethics official prior to developing their submission.

f. May not be an employee of the NIH, NIGMS, a judge of the Challenge, or any other party involved with the design, production, execution, or distribution of the Challenge or the immediate family of such a party (i.e., spouse, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, child, or step-child).

2. Federal grantees may not use Federal funds to develop their Challenge submissions unless consistent with the purpose of their grant award.

3. Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop their Challenge submissions or to fund efforts in support of their Challenge submissions.

4. Submissions must not infringe upon any copyright or any other rights of any third party.

5. By participating in this Challenge, each individual agrees to assume any and all risks and waive claims against the Federal government and its related entities, except in the case of willful misconduct, for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue, or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from participation in this Challenge, whether the injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise.

6. Based on the subject matter of the Challenge, the type of work that it will possibly require, as well as an analysis of the likelihood of any claims for death, bodily injury, property damage, or loss potentially resulting from Challenge participation, individuals are not required to obtain liability insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility in order to participate in this Challenge.

7. By participating in this Challenge, each individual agrees to indemnify the Federal government against third party claims for damages arising from or related to Challenge activities.

8. A Contestant shall not be deemed ineligible because the individual or entity used Federal facilities or consulted with Federal employees during the Challenge if the facilities and employees are made available to all individuals and entities participating in the Challenge on an equitable basis.

9. By participating in this Challenge, each Contestant grants to NIGMS irrevocable, paid-up, royalty-free nonexclusive worldwide license to post, link to, share, and display publicly on the Web the submitted document. All Contestants will retain all other intellectual property rights in their submissions.

10. Contestants must comply with all terms and conditions of these Official Rules, and participation in this Challenge constitutes each Contestant's full and unconditional agreement to abide by these Official Rules which can also be found on the NIGMS Web site. Winning is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements herein.

Submission Requirements: The submission is a written document that describes the basic research and how it directly led to improvements in human health, well-being, or other tangible benefits to the public NIGMS support must have played a major/critical role in one or more of the underlying discoveries, but a history of continuous or exclusive NIGMS support is not required. The subject of the submission must fall into one or both of the following categories:

1. Major advances funded by NIGMS that have led to improvements in human health, well-being, or other tangible benefits to the public.

2. Applications in medicine, industry, technology or elsewhere that have their roots in NIGMS-funded research projects. Examples include commonly used diagnostics, therapeutics, devices or technologies used in medical, industrial, agricultural or other fields.

Submissions are limited to 2500 words and must be clearly written in English, substantially free of scientific jargon, and understandable by readers without scientific/technical backgrounds. A complete submission includes:

- A brief historical background that puts the research in context. For example, why were scientists studying the system(s)? What were the most pressing research questions in the field at the time? What was already known prior to the key discovery? Were there competing hypotheses?
- The advance(s), the researchers most responsible for them, and the relevant NIGMS-funded projects that supported the work. Include references to seminal papers.
- An explanation of how the advance(s) led to the application(s). Reference relevant papers, collaborations, synergies or other factors that catalyzed the development of the application(s). Include the role of other funding sources, if known.
- A description of the impact of the application(s) on people's lives. If possible, provide quantitative information on economic impact and/or return on investment. Measures could include reduced mortality, reduced health care costs, improvements in quality of life, tangible contributions to the United States economy, etc.

Contestants may submit more than one submission. However, the advances(s) and application(s) described in each submission must be distinct. If a Contestant enters substantially similar submissions, as determined by NIGMS, the institute may disqualify the later entries or require the Contestant to choose one entry to enter into the Challenge.

Contestants have the option to include a link to a public or unlisted video on YouTube.com, Vimeo.com, or other internet accessible site with interviews or other material best displayed by video that supports the written submission. The submission may be disqualified if the video is primarily promotional, as determined by NIGMS. If a video is submitted, it must:

- Be in English if dialogue is present;
- Be no longer than five minutes. Any part of a video exceeding five minutes will be disregarded;
- Not include music or other copyrighted material unless the Contestant has obtained written permission to use such material;
- Not include proprietary information; and

• For any video with dialogue, captioning must be included.

○ The video must remain posted at the URL submitted with the entry for at least one year after the Challenge closes. The video (or the link to it) may be displayed publicly on the NIGMS Web site.

○ Before posting a video online, a Contestant must obtain consent from anyone appearing in the video. If a minor appears in the video, the contestant must obtain consent from the minor's parent or legal guardian.

Registration and Submission Process for Participants: The registration and submission process for entering the Challenge can be found at: *http://www.nigms.nih.gov/About/NIGMSAdvanceTracingChallenge/*

Amount of the Prize: The Challenge may have no more than 10 winning submissions. Winning submissions will receive an award of $500 and recognition on the NIGMS Web site and other outlets. If two or more submissions describe the same general advance and are judged to be equally meritorious, the prize will go to either the first submitted submission or the prize will be split between or among the Contestants at the discretion of NIGMS. If a team submits a winning entry, a single $500 prize will be awarded to that team. Winning is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements of the Challenge rules. The name, city, state, and submission of winning Contestants will be posted by 60 days after the close of the contest at *http://www.nigms.nih.gov/About/NIGMSAdvanceTracingChallenge/*).

The prize-approving official will be the Director of NIGMS. The winners will be notified by email, telephone, or mail after the date of the judging. Prizes awarded under this Challenge will be paid by electronic funds transfer and may be subject to Federal income taxes. HHS will comply with the Internal Revenue Service withholding and reporting requirements, where applicable.

NIGMS reserves the right to cancel, suspend, modify the Challenge, and/or not award any prizes if no entries are deemed worthy.

Basis Upon Which Submissions Will be Evaluated: Submissions will be judged by a qualified panel of NIGMS program directors and other employees. The panel will evaluate and select winning submissions based on the following judging criteria:

• Quality, clarity and historical accuracy (data are presented accurately)

• Impact of the advance on people's lives

• Impact of NIGMS funding on generating the advance

• Originality. The Challenge submission cannot have been previously published.

Additional Information: If Contestants choose to provide the NIGMS with personal information by providing a submission to this Challenge, that information will be used to respond to Contestants in matters regarding their submission, announcements of entry, finalists, and winners of the Challenge. Information is not collected for commercial marketing.

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Judith H. Greenberg,

Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *August 22, 2014.*

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Angela Romito, Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Romito, 10(a)(1)(A) Permit Coordinator, telephone 404–679–7101; facsimile 404–679–7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or send them via electronic mail (email) to: *permitsR4ES@fws.gov.* Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: T35313B

Applicant: Dr. Emma Willcox, Knoxville, Tennessee

The applicant requests authorization to take (acoustical monitoring, enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, attach transmitters, light-tag, wing-punch, pit-tag, and selectively euthanize for white nose syndrome testing) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), and northern long-eared bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*) while conducting studies in Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina (1) to assess effects of prescribed fire and canopy reduction treatments on roosting