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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Improving the Use of Science in the Administrative Process

Subject: The National Research Council holds a workshop on "Improving the Use of Science in the Administrative Process."

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m., National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Lecture Room, Washington, D.C.

Contact: 202-334-2138, news@nas.edu, http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/stl/index.htm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program

Subject: The Department of Defense’s Office of the Secretary of Defense holds a meeting on the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board to review new start research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of $1 million.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., George Mason Conference Room at Metro Offices, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 1200, Arlington, Va.
Contact: Jonathan Bunger, 571-372-6384.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
Expanding the Power of Big Labor
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittees on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions and Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a joint hearing on "Expanding the Power of Big Labor: The NLRB's (National Labor Relations Board) Growing Intrusion into Higher Education."
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

Vital Signs Release
Subject: Change the Equation releases a new report entitled, 2012 Vital Signs. The Vital Signs state-by-state reports provide business, education, advocacy, and policy leaders with an extensive and reliable set of indicators as well as actionable recommendations to promote STEM learning and high expectations for all students.
Participants: Carolyn Landel, Chief Program Officer, Washington STEM; Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers; Linda P. Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation; and Claus von Zastrow, Chief Operating Officer/Director of Research, Change the Equation.
Time and Location: 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Microsoft Corporation, 901 K Street, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC. (Lunch and networking 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., panel discussion begins promptly at 12:15 p.m.).
Contact: RSVP required. Go to www.stemtheequation.org or call 202-626-5740.

21st Century Skills
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education hosts a webinar to discuss the National Research Council’s (NRC) recently released report, Education for Life and Work: Developing Transferable Knowledge and Skills in the 21st Century and its implications for policy.
Participants: Bob Wise, President, Alliance for Excellent Education; Linda Darling-Hammond, EdD, Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education, Stanford University; Christine Massey, PhD, Director of Research and Education, Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, University of Pennsylvania; James W. Pellegrino, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Education, University of Illinois at Chicago and Chair, Committee on Defining Deeper Learning and 21st Century Skills; and Christopher Shearer, Program Officer, Education Program, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.
Time and Location: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at: http://media.all4ed.org/registration-sep-12-2012.

National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council to present the Director's Report and other scientific presentations.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Room E1/E2, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Brent Stanfield, 301-594-8843, stanfibr@niddk.nih.gov.

Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research Strategic Plan
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the NCI-Frederick Advisory Committee to discuss the proposed Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research strategic plan.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Thomas Vollberg, 301-694-9582.

Environmental Research and Education
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, Va.
Contact: Beth Zelenski, 703-292-8500.

Examining NASA's Development of the Space Launch System and Orion Crew Capsule
Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Examining NASA's Development of the Space Launch System and Orion Crew Capsule."
Witnesses: Mr. Dan Dumbacher, Deputy Associate Administrator for Exploration Systems Development, NASA; and Dr. Matt Mountain, Director, Space Telescope Science Institute.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

Lessons from the Field on a Path to Sustained Economic Growth and Job Creation
Subject: SSTI host a congressional briefing on "Lessons from the Field on a Path to Sustained Economic Growth and Job Creation."
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., 122 Cannon House Office Building.
Contact: Shawn Daugherty, 202-628-7770, SDaugherty@sheridangroupdc.com.

Human Gene Transfer Protocols
Subject: The National Institute of Health holds a meeting of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee on selected human gene transfer protocols.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.
Contact: Chezelle George, 301-496-9838, georgec@od.nih.gov.

Mars Curiosity Mission Update
Subject: The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a full committee hearing on a Mars Curiosity Mission update and "The Path from Leo to Mars," focusing on NASA's exploration portfolio, both robotic and human, beyond low-Earth orbit (LEO) to the surface of Mars.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
Improving College Affordability: A View from the States
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee hosts a full committee hearing on "Improving College Affordability: A View from the States."
Witnesses: Dr. Muriel A. Howard, President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Washington, D.C.; Dr. David A. Longanecker, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Boulder, CO; John Morgan, Chancellor, Tennessee Board of Regents, Nashville, TN; and Dr. Camille Preus, Commissioner, Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Salem, OR.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012
Effects of Sequestration on Education
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education, Committee for Education Funding and the Coalition for a College- and Career-Ready America hosts a webinar titled, “Sequestration: Are Major Cuts to Education Around the Corner?” to discuss the impact of the federal budget debate on education.
Participants: Phillip Lovell, Vice President of Federal Advocacy, AEE; Joel Packer, Executive Director, CEF; and Tom Shelton, PhD, Superintendent, Fayette County Kentucky Public Schools.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: http://media.all4ed.org/registration-sep-14-2012.

Cures Acceleration Network Review Board and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Advisory Council
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the Cures Acceleration Network Review Board and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Advisory Council to receive a report from the Acting Institute Director.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., NIH, 31 Center Drive, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Jane Steinberg, 301-443-3367.

Future Hearings and Events
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
America’s Public Universities
Subject: The Zócalo Public Square, a project of Arizona State University's Center for Social Cohesion and the New America Foundation hosts an titled, “Zócalo in DC: Can the Next President Put Public Universities Back on Top?” to discussion of America's public universities.
Participants: David Leonhardt, Washington Bureau Chief, The New York Times; Gene Block, Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles and Chair, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; Mary Sue Coleman, President, University of Michigan President and Chair, Association of American Universities; and Vartan Gregorian, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York President.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, D.C.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
Help Wanted 2012 Summit
Subject: The Institute for a Competitive Workforce hosts their “Help Wanted 2012 Summit” to facilitate a robust conversation on how America is addressing the skills gap crisis.
Participants: To include: Mark Schmit, Society for Human Resource Management; Christine Scullion, The Manufacturing Institute; Margaret Spellings, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Rick Stephens, The Boeing Company.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H, Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: http://icw.uschamber.com/conference/help-wanted.
On The Floor This Week

Senate
S. 3457 – Veterans Jobs Corps Act of 2012

House
H.R. 5544 – Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act
H.Res. __ – Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013
H.R. __ – The National Security and Job Protection Act
H.R. 6213 – No More Solyndras Act

Bills to Watch

FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS

House
FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

H.R.# Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Senate
S.2323 Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

S.3295 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:
U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule: 
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or 
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html

U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov
U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget
Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov
Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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