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OUR NEXT MEETING(S)

July 15, 2021

Happenings

BEST PLACES TO WORK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2020: The annual [Best Places to Work in the Federal Government](#) rankings produced by the Partnership for Public Service, measures employee engagement government-wide, as well as individual departments, agencies, and subcomponents. In 2020 during a global pandemic, federal agencies stepped up to support employees, with many working remotely to maintain the continuity of operations. Congrats to NASA, US GAO, and the Congressional Budget Office for coming in first place within their category. Be sure to check out the [release of the rankings video](#) along with the heart felt congratulations to all public servants. (POC: [Partnership For Public Service](#))

ALERT: GAO PAID FALL INTERNSHIP – CLOSING JULY 7: The US GAO Strategic Planning and External Liaison – Foresight Team seeks a fall intern to help advance the use of foresight tools in support of GAO's strategic planning process. The intern would assist with capacity building of various foresight related programs to include identifying foresight leaders and efforts to advance GAO's overall mission. Applications are due by July 7; those interested should select SPEL as the office of choice. (POC: [Sharaelle Grzesiak](#))

ARMY MAD SCIENTIST MULTI-MEDIA CONTEST: Calling all CREATORS to this multi-media contest for imaginative artists who would like to showcase their ideas about future possibilities in alternative ways. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, emerging aspects of the operational environment, leadership in the future, and future surprises. For more information check out [Army Mad Sci blog](#). Entries must be submitted by August 6, 2021. (POC: [Army Mad Scientist](#))

ARTICLE: NEW R&D BUDGET PROPOSAL LOOKS TO THE FUTURE NOT THE NOW: The recent budget request includes spending that could considerably impact America's scientific enterprise. Increased competitiveness and focusing R&D on priorities like climate and pandemic preparedness reflect a rebalance of R&D spending in civil agencies. This [new proposal is a premise of the idea that to move forward as a country we need to invest in innovation](#), and the public sector is critical to building a robust and inclusive economy. (POC: [Brandi Vincent](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING: Join us for our July 15, 2021 at 9am EST webinar as we host **Duncan Campbell**, of Cognosis – a London-based strategy and consultancy firm. Duncan will present a "Scenario-Based Planning Masterclass" Clients of Cognosis have included: RedBull, Coach, IHG Group, Clarks, Kate Spade, and many others. Be sure to RSVP by 7/9 at [FFCoI.org](#). We continue to monitor the current COVID-19 recommendations. At this time our meetings will continue to be virtual. We are exploring options of brining the community together towards the end of the year. Stay tuned via social media, our website, and with our monthly newsletters.

STAY CONNECTED: To stay connected or learn more about FFCOI, visit our website ([FFCoI.org](#)) and follow our social media platforms on LinkedIn and Twitter to get the latest news and happenings. Questions or comments send us an [email](#) or a message on [LinkedIn](#). (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Robin Champ](#), and [Eric Popiel](#)).