The ISE Newsletter provides up-to-date information on conferences, funding opportunities, and international projects. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the theme for the meeting includes: 1) health and medicine; 2) mobility and international travel; and 3) the role of technology in supporting remote work and learning. The 2020 Red River Summit, held virtually in collaboration with the University of Geneva and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN), is gathering sustainability experts from across the globe to host speakers from all over the world who will discuss their models.

The Civic Innovation Challenge, a partnership between Mason, the City of Fairfax, and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, is providing funding for research in the areas of AI for Earth Innovation, Nuclear Physics, and Pandemics. The project is expected to take only six months to develop a full proposal for Stage 2, and only awardees of Stage 1 will be eligible to submit proposals for Stage 2. Awards for Stage 1 will be announced on June 5, 2020.

The Red River Summit also features the Global Innovation Fund for the United Nations, which aims to support diverse, innovative, multi-institution awards that focus on environmental sustainability and social impact projects that can produce significant community impact within 12 months (following a four-month planning phase). The KeyW Corporation is providing funding for research in the areas of AI for Earth Innovation and Pandemics.

In the first stage (Stage 1) of the Civic Innovation Challenge, significant community impact is expected within 12 months following a four-month planning phase. Only awardees of Stage 1 will be eligible to submit proposals for Stage 2. Only awards for Stage 1 will be announced on June 5, 2020.

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