

organizations, including institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under this program.

Supplementary Information: On December 5, 1994, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications for Training Impartial Hearing Officers on Provisions of the Rehabilitation Act (59 FR 62510). Two applications were submitted, and neither application was found acceptable. The Secretary believes that, by increasing the estimated award from \$145,000 to \$200,000 per year for each of three years in the project period, improved applications will be submitted. Also, unsuccessful applicants from the December competition have been provided with peer review comments so that they may strengthen their proposals.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 30, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 30, 1995.

Applications Available: May 19, 1995.

Available Funds: \$200,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$190,000–\$210,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 390.

Priority: The priority in the notice of final priorities for this program, as published December 5, 1994, in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 62508), applies to this competition. For the purpose of this notice, the Secretary designates the priority as absolute for FY 1995. Under an absolute priority the Secretary funds only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)). A copy of the applicable priority will be included in the application package.

For Applications or Information

Contact: Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3329, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9817. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary

grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 774.

Dated: May 11, 1995.

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Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Notice of Federal Assistance Award to Utility Photovoltaic Group

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award in Response to an Unsolicited Financial Assistance Application; Initiating PV Commercialization Through TEAM-UP, DE-FC36-93CH10560.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.7, is announcing its intention to grant funding to the Utility PhotoVoltaic Group, which represents interested members of the power production industry, to continue a multi-year program entitled "Technology Experience to Accelerated Markets in Utility Photovoltaics (TEAM-UP)". The objective of this joint effort between DOE and the Utility PhotoVoltaic Group (UPVG), as identified by Congress, is the establishment of an accelerated market for suppliers of photovoltaic systems that encourages investments in larger manufacturing facilities, thus reducing photovoltaic unit costs through economies of scale and creating even broader market potential. The UPVG organization will develop credible PV technical and educational information for utilities, assist utility purchases through market buyer teams, encourage a greater array of potential system applications, and provide the foundation and implementation of the TEAM-UP program. The prime objective of TEAM-UP is achieving a sustainable, domestic PV market and increased manufacturing capability through this joint commercialization effort by the year 2000.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401, Attention: John K. Lewis, Contract Specialist. The telephone number is 303-275-4739. The Contracting Officer for this action is John W. Meeker.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE has evaluated, in accordance with the DOE Federal Assistance Regulations, 10 CFR section 600.14, the unsolicited proposal entitled "Initiating PV Commercialization Through TEAM-UP" and recommends that the unsolicited proposal be accepted for support without further competition in accordance with section 600.7 of the Federal Assistance Regulations.

The program involves cost sharing with industry, through the Utility PhotoVoltaic Group (UPVG), for the implementation of the multi-year, 50 MW hardware initiative known as TEAM-UP. The proposed agreement implements TEAM-UP, serving as the mechanism for implementing small-scale industry funded PV applications and grid-connected cost-shared programs, as well as continuing technology transfer and market conditioning activities.

DOE, as directed by Congress, is actively pursuing a program of solar energy technology commercialization in conjunction with an industrial partner acting as the "funding entity". The major program objective being the cost-effective use of photovoltaics (PV) in large-scale, grid-connected applications. The UPVG, consisting of almost one hundred utility members, directly supports the DOE objectives by continuing this multi-year program intended to result in the achievement of PV acceptance and use by electric utilities, power producers, and their customers. The proposed agreement represents an ideal and totally unique mechanism to encourage the use of PV and maintain an industry driven initiative for the implementation of photovoltaics within the utility and power production industry.

The multi-year program involves: Outreach and technology transfer activities to educate the utility industry; market conditioning activities aimed at building a foundation for PV purchase commitments; implementation of grid-connected cost-shared projects through competitive solicitation; and development of the market infrastructure to facilitate utility purchases of small-scale photovoltaic applications.

The six year program plan is presently anticipated to cost approximately

\$140,000,000 with industry providing 70% funding and DOE contributing 30%. DOE Phase 3 funding is anticipated as \$7,021,000 or 48% of the total \$14,488,727 cost of implementing up to 10 MW of grid-connected photovoltaic applications and 2 MW of small-scale photovoltaic applications. This notice is published for public comment at least fourteen calendar days prior to making an award.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 4, 1995.

John W. Meeker,

Chief, Procurement, GO.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Waste Management at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Revision to one alternative in the Savannah River Site Waste Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0217D).

SUMMARY: DOE issued the Savannah River Site Waste Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on January 20, 1995. The EIS evaluates alternative approaches to and environmental impacts of managing wastes at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The EIS examines alternatives for managing five types of waste (liquid high-level radioactive, low-level radioactive, hazardous, mixed (radioactive and hazardous combined), and transuranic) during the next decade and establishes a baseline for assessing options for waste management beyond that time. DOE extended the initial 45-day public comment period to March 31, 1995, in response to a request from the SRC's Citizens Advisory Board.

Throughout the comment period, DOE continued to consider many of the issues addressed in the draft EIS. As a result of these considerations, DOE has decided to change the treatment of low-level waste proposed in the "moderate treatment" alternative. The change concerns the location of, but not the technology used in, the treatment of about 40% of the expected volume of low-level waste at the SRS. This change would reduce disposal vault capacity requirements by providing: (1) Immediate utilization of commercial volume reduction capacity in lieu of construction of an onsite compactor, (2) more detailed and effective sorting, and (3) offsite waste treatment during maintenance periods of onsite treatment facilities.

In the draft EIS, the "moderate treatment" alternative included onsite incineration, supercompaction, or direct disposal of low-level waste. In the final EIS, this alternative would include: (1) Onsite incineration or direct disposal of low-level waste, and (2) supercompaction, size reduction (e.g., sorting, shredding, and melting), and incineration at an offsite commercial treatment facility. In the event of offsite treatment, all residues would be returned to the SRS for further treatment or disposal.

DOE is modifying this alternative in the final EIS because at present the Department does not consider construction of an onsite supercompactor to be a reasonable component of the "moderate treatment" alternative. As licensed offsite supercompaction services are currently available, it would not be cost effective for DOE to build a supercompactor at the SRS. The modified alternative allows DOE to conserve space in its existing disposal vaults and to defer the costs of building additional vaults.

DOE intends to continue with the present schedule for issuing the final EIS because the impacts of the treatment technologies that would be used were already evaluated as onsite options in the draft EIS. The impacts of transportation to commercial treatment facilities and these facilities' capacity will be evaluated in the final EIS. DOE does not consider this change in the "moderate treatment" alternative to be sufficiently significant to reissue the draft EIS. Minor modifications will also be made to each alternative to account for updates to the waste volume forecasts.

DOE would solicit proposals from commercial facilities for reducing the volume of low-level radioactive waste in the future, and would require the facilities to supply information that DOE would use to prepare an additional environmental review as required by Title 10 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) § 1021.216.

ADDRESSES: DOE will accept comments on the above modifications through June 12, 1995. Any comments on the revision or requests for further information should be directed to: A.B. Gould, Jr., NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box 5031, Aiken, South Carolina 29804-5031, Attention "WMEIS", e-mail: nepa@barms036.b-r.com, or by telephone or facsimile through the Information Line (800) 242-8269.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on DOE's National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

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Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces the availability of the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project. The proposed action is to conduct the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project using appropriate ground water compliance strategies at the 24 uranium processing sites based on a health and environmental risk-based framework that provides a consistent and flexible approach. The three other alternatives analyzed in the programmatic environmental impact statement are: No action, active remediation to background levels at all processing sites, and passive remediation at all processing sites. Separate site-specific National Environmental Policy Act documentation will be prepared to address site-specific ground water compliance activities.

DATES: The public comment period extends through July 17, 1995. Written comments should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration in preparation of the final document. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Comments may also be submitted orally or in writing at public hearings to be held at the times, places, and dates listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft programmatic environmental impact statement should be directed to Mr. Rich Sena, Acting Director, Environmental Restoration Division, Department of Energy, Suite 4000, 2155 Louisiana N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Addresses of Department of Energy Public Reading Rooms and public libraries where the draft