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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Deviations for Expedited Financial Assistance Projects

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Class deviations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, hereby announces three deviations from its Financial Assistance Rules for an expedited financial assistance pilot program with commercial firms. The approval of these deviations ensures that the program goals and objectives are achieved and that public funds are conserved.

A process improvement team has been established to execute cost-shared projects with commercial firms using best commercial practices. The goal of this team is to test techniques for improving DOE's process for entering into cooperative agreements for research and development with commercial firms.

The three deviations have been approved because they are required to achieve program objectives. The first deviation waives the requirement for a principal program purpose determination, the second deviation will permit budget periods in excess of 12 months; and the third deviation permits DOE to withhold payments following verbal notification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 18, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Yee, Office of Clearance and Support, (HR-522.2), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this notice, the DOE announces that, pursuant to 10 CFR part 600, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management has made a determination of the need for three deviations to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules. The determination document, dated June 20, 1995, provides for deviations for recipients as explained below (i.e., a "class deviation").

Deviation Number 1 waives the requirement for execution of Principal Program Purpose Determinations required by 600.5. The program office

will be represented on the process improvement team, thereby ensuring that the program is appropriate for financial assistance, and a transaction determination will be made by the Contracting Officer.

Deviation Number 2 deviates from the 12-month budget period limitation contained in 600.31(b). This deviation is necessary to permit awards to projects with budget periods in excess of 12 months, if necessary to meet project objectives.

Deviation Number 3 permits the withholding of payment for failure to meet established milestone schedules with verbal notice of failure to make progress, thereby providing adequate advance notice of non-compliance. This is a deviation to 600.122(h) and 600.28 and furthers the program objective of reducing administrative burden.

This deviation expires on September 30, 1997.

Issued in Washington, DC June 20, 1995.

Richard H. Hopf,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management.

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Financial Assistance Award: Petrosurveys, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(a)(2) it is making a financial assistance award under Grant Number DE-FG01-95CE15626 to Petrosurveys, Inc. The proposed grant will provide funding in the estimated amount of \$98,178 by the Department of Energy for the purpose of locating energy sources through development of the inventor's "System for Discovering the Locations of Sea Floor Seepages of Petroleum."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy has determined in accordance with 10 CFR 600.14(e)(1) that the unsolicited application for financial assistance submitted by Petrosurveys, Inc., is meritorious based on the general evaluation required by 10 CFR 600.14(d) and the proposed project represents a unique idea that would not be eligible for financial assistance under a recent, current or planned solicitation. The new technology is expected to complete the prototype development of an apparatus to locate and map sea floor petroleum seepages using a ship-borne, instrumented surveying system that is an extremely cost-effective alternative to conventional exploration techniques. The technology provides a faster and

cheaper way to locate oil seeps compared to seismic surveying. The applicant's exploration method will cover a greater area of the sea with an equivalent degree of accuracy than with current methods. Therefore, the technology presents a higher probability of opening up new oil fields, and thus will have a long-term beneficial effect upon the Nation's energy supply.

The inventor and principal investigator, Dr. Keith F. M. Thompson has extensive experience in petroleum geochemistry. He has written numerous journal articles and is an active member in several geochemical and geological societies. For the proposed project, Dr. Thompson will utilize the marine engineering staff and facilities of HBOI. The proposed project is not eligible for financial assistance under a recent, current or planned solicitation because the funding program, the Energy Related Invention Program (ERIP), has been structured since its beginning in 1975 to operate without competitive solicitations because the authorizing legislation directs ERIP to provide support for worthy ideas submitted by the public. The program has never issued and has no plans to issue a competitive solicitation. This award will be made 14 calendar days after publication to allow for public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please write the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Placement and Administration, ATTN: Sara Wilson, HR-561.21, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

The anticipated term of the proposed grant is 18 months from the date of award.

Lynn Warner,

Contracting Officer, Office of Placement and Administration.

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Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

DATES AND TIMES:

July 17, 1995, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
July 18, 1995, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
July 19, 1995, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

PLACE: The Madison, 15th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.