

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting**

The Fall General Board of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on 19–20 October 1995 at Andrews AFB, MD from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is for the board to receive feedback on the studies of the past year, hear special topics, and provide a forum for organizing and focusing the Board for the upcoming year.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Chicago Operations Office, Award Based on Acceptance of an Unsolicited Application, University of Illinois—Energy Resources Center**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Noncompetitive Financial Assistance Award.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Chicago Operations Office, announces its intent to award a grant to the University of Illinois—Energy Resources Center. The University's unsolicited application was found to be meritorious by DOE based on the evaluation criteria set forth in 10 C.F.R. 600.14(d)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (e)(i) and (ii) and is being accepted as it represents a unique, innovative idea, method and approach which would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance under any recent, current, or planned solicitation. The objective of the work to be supported by this grant is for the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois to develop and successfully execute the twenty-third consecutive energy-environmental conference entitled, "Energy and Environmental Policy in a Period of Political Transition," to be held November 20–21, 1995 in Chicago, Illinois.

The project period for the grant is for a 6 month period, expected to begin

September 30, 1995. DOE plans to provide funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 for this project period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Chicago Operations Office; Award Based on Acceptance of an Unsolicited Application

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award in Response to an Unsolicited Financial Assistance Application.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.14(e), it plans to negotiate and award Grant Number DE-FG02–95CH10846 to the Equity Research Corp.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The anticipated objective of the award is to provide for the application of "Best Available Science" (BAS) to the reevaluation of assessment methods based on scientific knowledge rather than opinions or value judgements. This proposal provides for a unique approach to choose the best available scientific information in that it suggests a clear separation of science from societal goals to enhance the accuracy of estimating environmental risks in an attempt to limit costly adverse effects. These goals will provide scientifically based data for others to utilize in pursuing environmental issues in the education arena and provide the general public as well as the professional societies, knowledge of how risk factors were determined by making consensus reports more accessible. This proposal provides a public service by providing the public with the best and most accurate scientific information with respect to utilizing the Best Available Science. DOE's Office of Environmental Management believes that there is a high probability of achieving the objectives.

The public is greatly served if environmental decisions would be based on BAS. It is the belief of the grantee that objectively computed risks will be somewhat lower than those based upon societal objectives. The lower the risk, the smaller the costs for adverse effects caused within the human health and environmental areas.

It is likely that if this approach is successful the cost of environmental protection would be significantly reduced. Consequently, a higher level of environmental protection could be achieved by the current level of funding. Additional benefits of this project are enhancement of public and university education and increases in the availability of relevant published scientific formation. Through the introduction of the publication, "Technology" and the first volume of "Encyclopedia of Environment" the public will have easier access to data presented in relevant papers and consensus reports regarding BAS. Education will be enhanced by the utilization of high school or community college minority students in researching environmental issues while applying BAS, participating with professional organizations in providing environmental courses, participation in technical conferences to discuss BAS for environmental issues, as well as participating in technical panels and making presentations to various groups regarding BAS in human health and environmental concerns.

The grantee plans to obtain this objective by educating students and professional organizations about the benefits and needs of BAS in relation to existing practices; and the dissemination of scientific information through the Technology publication and the new Encyclopedia of Environment. To assure reliance upon BAS the grantee proposes the utilization of not-for-profit professional organizations which include the following: (1) the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME); (2) the American Association for the Advancement of Technology (AAAT); (3) the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES); and (4) the National Council and Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRPM). These organizations can provide peer-review of scientific aspects of the societal decisions, can reach a consensus on scientific subjects related to protection of human health and the environment, and can support the publication of relevant BAS. In addition, and in accordance with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), an organization was formed and is known by its Spanish acronym "CEPA" which is composed of Universities in Mexico and the U.S. which pursue environmental protection in Mexico. The proposed approach permits the development of relevant information based on scientific consensus, education of the professionals and high school students,