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### **Savannah River Operations Office Financial Assistance Award; Intent To Award a Noncompetitive Cooperative Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Savannah River Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DOE announces that it plans to award a cooperative agreement to the University of Georgia Research Foundation (UGARF), University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. The cooperative agreement, "Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) Program," will be awarded for a five-year period at a projected funding level of \$70,000,000. Funds of \$12,000,000 are available for the first budget period, subject to the availability of funds; the remainder will be awarded thereafter. Pursuant to Section 10 CFR Part 600.7(b)(2)(i)(A) of the DOE Assistance Regulations (10 CFR Part 600), DOE has determined that a noncompetitive award is appropriate since the SREL Program is a continuation of the program presently being funded by DOE, and for which competition for support would have a significant adverse effect on continuity or completion of the activity.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charlene Smith, Office of Procurement and Contractor Human Resources, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802, Telephone: (803) 725-7644.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Procurement Request Number:* 09-96SR18546.000.

*Project Scope:* The proposed cooperative agreement allows UGARF to continue the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) program. SREL provides an independent evaluation of the ecological effects of Savannah River Site (SRS) operations through a program of ecological research, education and outreach. This program will continue basic and applied environmental research with emphasis upon expanding the understanding of ecological processes and principles, and upon evaluating the impacts of industrial and land use activities on the environment. The program will provide DOE and the public with an independent view of the

environmental management of the SRS. Publication of SREL's scientific findings in peer-reviewed journals will provide independent, verifiable science as a basis for DOE-SRS policy decisions. Collaboration will continue with the other SRS contractors and National Environmental Research Park participants. SREL will respond to mission priorities to increase understanding in such areas as biodiversity, ecosystem management, restoration/remediation ecology, geographic information systems and landscape ecology, radioecology, toxicology, ecological risk assessment, environmental transport of contaminants, dose responses of organisms, and predictive modeling of impacts of restoration processes on population structure and genetics of organisms in the environment.

Based on the documentation presented and appropriate evaluation, it is determined that this award to UGARF on a noncompetitive basis is appropriate and is in the best interest of DOE.

Issued in Aiken, South Carolina, on: January 9, 1996.

Ronald D. Simpson,

*DOE Savannah River Operations Office, Head of Contracting Activity, Designee.*

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### **Environmental Management Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

*Name:* Environmental Management Advisory Board; formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Committee.

*Date and Times:* Thursday, February 15, 1996 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Place:* SAIC Headquarters, 301 Laboratory Road, First Floor Conference Room, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, (423) 481-8200.

*For Further Information Contact:* James T. Melillo, Executive Director, Environmental Management Advisory Board, EM-22, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov.

*Supplementary Information:* Purpose of the Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management program and the Programmatic Environmental Management Impact Statement, from the perspectives of affected groups and State and local Governments. The Board will help to

improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program including the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program.

Tentative Agenda

*Thursday, February 15, 1996*

5:00 p.m.—Chairman Opens Public Meeting.

5:05 p.m.—Review of FUSRAP Committee's Mission and Final Report.

7:00 p.m.—Dinner Break.

8:00 p.m.—Public Comment Session Opens.

9:00 p.m.—Chairman Concludes Public Comment Session.

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact James T. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above. Individuals wishing to orally address the Committee during the public comment session should call (800) 736-3282 and leave a message. Individuals may also register on February 15, 1996 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing to speak to the Committee, on a first come, first serve basis. Those who call in and reserve time will be given the opportunity to speak first. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication. The Chairman is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Transcripts and Minutes:* Meeting minutes will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge.