

schoolwide impact on student success, and that are aligned with the recently developed Principles for Professional Development. The Department will solicit applications from those operating effective professional development activities at the pre-K through 12 level in schools and school districts, evaluate them with the help of professional educators (who will confirm information for high-ranking applicants through site visits), and recognize those programs that are found to meet these criteria.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for New Grants Under the School, College, and University Partnerships (SCUP) Program.

Frequency: Competitive Year.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 175.

Burden Hours: 3,500.

Abstract: The application form will be used to collect program and budget information needed to evaluate the quality of applications submitted and make funding decisions based on the authorizing statute and the published funding criteria.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period and Changed Public Hearing Date for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Weapon Components

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period and changed public hearing date.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the extension of the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Weapon Components (DOE/EIS-0225D) to July 12, 1996, and change of the public hearing in Richland, Washington from May 2, 1996 to May 23, 1996.

DATES: DOE announced the availability and schedule of public hearings for the Draft Pantex EIS in the Federal Register dated April 5, 1996 (61 FR 15232). In response to requests from the public,

DOE is extending the close of the public comment period from July 5, 1996 to July 12, 1996. Comments received by DOE must be postmarked no later than July 12, 1996, to ensure consideration in the Final EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Due to public hearing conflicts on May 2, 1996, DOE has moved the Richland, Washington hearing date to May 23, 1996; the time and exact location are listed below.

May 23, 1996

Red Lion Inn, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington 99352, Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The public meeting time and location will be published in local newspapers prior to the meeting date. DOE invites the general public, other government agencies, and all other interested parties to participate in the public hearings and comment process for the Draft Pantex EIS. DOE will accept comments on the Draft Pantex EIS at the public hearing.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies or information on the Draft Pantex EIS as well as written comments should be directed to: Ms. Nanette Founds, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185-5400. Written comments, suggestions, and requests can also be submitted using the Pantex Plant EIS Faxline at 1-800-822-5499. Facsimiles should be marked: Pantex Plant EIS. Oral comments and requests concerning this EIS may also be submitted by calling the Pantex Plant EIS Hotline at 1-800-788-0306. Comments may also be submitted via the Internet. The e-mail address is: tetratec@indirect.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For 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, 202-586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756. For information on this EIS, please contact: Ms. Nanette Founds at the above address or by calling (505) 845-4351.

Subsequent Document Preparation

DOE intends to complete the Final EIS and prepare a response to comments received during the review of the Draft EIS in October 1996 and will announce its availability in the Federal Register.

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A Financial Assistance Program for State and Municipal Governments for the Demonstration of Light and Heavy Duty Alternative Fuel Vehicles

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office, in accordance with the Financial Assistance regulations in 10 CFR 600, announces competitive Solicitation Number DE-PS07-96ID13432 to solicit applications from state and municipal governments for demonstration projects in use of light and heavy duty alternative fuel vehicles.

ADDRESSES: Prospective applicants should send a written request for a copy of the solicitation and a DOE application instruction package (which includes standard forms, assurances and certifications) to the U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS-1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563, Attn: SOL DE-PS07-96ID13432. The point of contact is Wendy L. Huggins, Contract Specialist, at (208)-526-2808. Requests transmitted by facsimile at (208) 526-5548 will be accepted. It is advised that prospective applicants submit their requests in writing no later than May 31, 1996. A copy of the solicitation may be viewed on the DOE's Home Page titled "Current Business Opportunities with the DOE" at Internet address:

<http://www.pr.doe.gov/propp.html>. The deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 p.m. MDT, June 28, 1996. It is anticipated that review of the proposed applications will begin on or about July 1, 1996. Selections will be made by August 1, 1996, and awards will be issued by September 30, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to Section 409 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 13235, the Department of Energy Office of Technology Utilization desires to accelerate the use of alternate fuel vehicles. It is the intent of this solicitation to promote the use of alternate fuel vehicles (both light and heavy duty) by providing the states with practical experience in their use and an increased awareness of their availability and benefits. Because of their high fuel