

DOE for the 1997 solicitation. Cost sharing is required by all participants. The Federal Government will provide up to 40 percent of the funds for the project in FY 1997. The remaining funds must be provided by the eligible applicants and/or cooperating project participants. In addition to direct financial contributions, cost sharing can include beneficial services or items, such as manpower equipment, consultants, and computer time that are allowable in accordance with applicable cost principles. The state applicant is required to have an industrial partner to be considered eligible for grant consideration.

Presolicitation: This notice is to advise potential applicants to the FY 1997 solicitation that DOE will accept presolicitation submissions that set out that a brief description of the potential project. The submissions should not exceed two pages and should adhere to the format laid out in the preproposal format. This format can be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of Energy's Golden Field Office contacts (listed below). All preproposals submission will be reviewed by NICE³ project monitors at the Golden Field Office. The monitors will provide comments to the submitter on the proposed project's applicability to the NICE³ program. In addition, the reviewers will provide feedback which the applicant can use to formulate and refine their proposal.

The submission of a presolicitation description is not mandatory for submitting an application under the FY 1997 solicitation. DOE reviews and comments under the presolicitation process will not be used by DOE in evaluating or awarding applications under the FY 1997 solicitation. The only purpose of the presolicitation process is to assist potential applicants, who may need assistance, in refining their application.

DATES: A brief description of the proposed project can be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before August 2, 1996. All summaries must be submitted through a state agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Hass, at (303) 275-4728, or Doug Hooker, at (303) 275-4780, at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401, for referral to appropriate DOE Regional Support Office or State Agency and to receive a copy of the format for the brief description. In addition, the format for the brief description and a list of participating state agencies can be located on the internet at WWW.nrel.gov/documents/nice3. The

Contract Specialist is James Damm, at (303) 275-4744, and the Contracting Officer is Robert Brown, at (404) 347-2879.

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Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collections Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request submitted for review by the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted an energy information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be filed by June 17, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Statistical Standards at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Herbert Miller, Office of Statistical Standards, (EI-73), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103; e-mail: hmiller@eia.doe.gov; (FAX 202-426-1081).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not

include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor; i.e., the DOE component), current OMB document number (if applicable), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits), and type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (3) a description of the need and proposed uses of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden (number of respondents per year times the average number of responses per respondent annually times the average burden per response).

The energy information collections submitted to OMB for review were:

1. Form EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research"
2. Energy Information Administration; Docket Number 1905-0186; Response Obligation—Voluntary; and Extension
3. The EIA-882T will be used to conduct pretest/pilot surveys (personal visit or face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews, mail questionnaires), focus groups, and cognitive interviews. Data will be used to modify questionnaires to improve the quality of data. Samples of respondents will be selected to participate.
4. Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government, and State, Local, or Tribal Government
5. 1,000 total annual burden hours (4,000 respondents × 1 response per respondent × .25 hours per response).

Statutory Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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