

contact Mike Zamorski's office at the address or telephone number listed above.

Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting 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 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mike Zamorski, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845-4094.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Notice of Intent To Solicit National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³) Grants

AGENCY: The Department of Energy, (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Issue a Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a State Grant Program entitled National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³). The goals of the NICE³ Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry. The intent of the NICE³ program is to fund projects that have completed the research and development stage and are ready to demonstrate a fully integrated commercial unit. Some industrial technologies that the NICE³ project has funded follow: SO₃ Cleaning Process in the Manufacture of Semiconductors; Innovative Design of a Brick Kiln Using Low Thermal Mass Technology;

Continuously Reform Electroless Nickel Plating Solutions; Recovery and Reuse of Water-Washed Overspray Paint; and HCl Acid Recovery System. For the past five years the NICE³ program has offered 64 grants (approximately \$20.9 million) to fund innovative industrial technologies.

DATES: The solicitation will be available September 3, 1996. Applications must be received by January 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Johnson and/or Doug Hooker at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401, (303) 275-4716 for referral to appropriate DOE Regional Support Office or State Agency.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996 the Department of Energy offered \$6.1 million in grants to 17 U.S. companies in 14 states.

Availability of Fund in FY 1997

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of up to \$5 million dollars in grant/cooperative agreement funds for fiscal year 1997. The awards will be made through a competitive process. In response to the solicitation, a State agency may include up to 10 percent, not to exceed \$25,000 per project, for State agency program support. Size of grants including State agency program support may range up to \$425,000. Projects may cover a period of up to 3 years.

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under the program include any authorized agency of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State agency applicants. Local governments, State and private universities, private non-profits, private businesses and individuals, who are not eligible as direct applicants, must work with the appropriate State agencies in developing projects and forming participation arrangements. DOE strongly encourages and requires these types of cooperative arrangements in support of program goals. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.105. Up to \$5 million in Federal funds will be made available by DOE for this effort. Cost sharing is required by all participants. The Federal Government will provide up to 45 percent of the funds for the project. The remaining funds must be provided by the eligible applicants and/or cooperating project

participants. Cost sharing, by industry/State partners, beyond the 55 percent required match is desirable. 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 inclusion of Industrial partners is required for a proposal to be considered responsive to the solicitation to be eligible for grant consideration. A State agency application signed by an authorized State official is required for a proposal to be responsive.

Evaluation Criteria

The first tier, administrative review will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications will receive technical and final evaluation review by a panel comprised of members representing DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office at 303/275-4716. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on July 29, 1996.

John W. Meeker,

Chief, Procurement, GO.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER95-625-002, et al.]

Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

July 31, 1996

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company

[Docket No. ER95-625-002]

Take notice that on July 22, 1996, Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company tendered for filing its refund report in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: August 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.