

complex conditions; privacy and confidentiality studies of genetic information pertinent to complex conditions; model policies for genetic information about polygenic conditions for various settings (e.g. the workplace); exploration of worker/workplace issues; and materials for IRBs.

In all applications, a clear description of expected products or "deliverables" should be included, as well as a time line for their production and dissemination. In the absence of tangible products, rigorous assessments must be included to facilitate evaluation of progress.

DOE does not encourage applications dealing with issues consequent to the initiation or implementation of genetic testing protocols. Also, DOE does not encourage survey-based research, unless a compelling case is made that this methodology is critical to address an issue of uncommon significance. For applications which propose the development of college-level curricula, DOE requests both detailed justification of the need for external support, beyond normal departmental and college resources, evidence of commitment from the parent department or college, and a dissemination plan. Applications for the writing of scholarly publications or books should include justifications for the relevance of the publications or book to the goals of the Human Genome Project as well as discussion of the estimated readership and impact. DOE ordinarily will not provide unlimited support for a funded program and thus strongly encourages the inclusion of plans for transition to self-sustaining status.

The dissemination of materials and research data in a timely manner is essential for progress towards the goals of the DOE Human Genome Program. The OHER requires the timely sharing of resources and data. Applicants should, in their applications, discuss their plans for disseminating research results and materials that may include, where appropriate, publication in the open literature, wide-scale mailings, etc. Once OHER and the applicant have agreed upon a distribution plan, it will become part of the award conditions. Funds to defray the costs of disseminating results and materials are allowable; however, such requests must be sufficiently detailed and adequately justified. Applicants should also provide timelines projecting progress toward achieving proposed goals.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication that consists of two to three pages of narrative describing the

research project objectives and methods of accomplishment. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the DOE's Human Genome Program. Principal investigator address, telephone number, FAX number and E-mail address are required parts of the preapplication. A response to each preapplication discussing the potential program relevance of a formal application generally will be communicated within 20 days of receipt. ER's preapplication policy for submitting preapplications can be found on ER's Grants and Contracts Web Site at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>.

It is anticipated that approximately \$1,500,000 will be available for grant awards in this area during FY 1998, contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. Multiple year funding of grant awards is expected, and is also contingent upon availability of funds. Previous awards have ranged from \$50,000 per year up to \$500,000 per year with terms from one to three years; most awards average about \$200,000 per year for two or three years. Similar award sizes are anticipated for new grants. Applications will be subjected to formal merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria which are listed in descending order of importance codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project.
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach;
3. Competency of Applicant's personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources;
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

To provide a consistent format for the submission, review and solicitation of grant applications submitted under this notice, the preparation and submission of grant applications must follow the guidelines given in the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program 10 CFR

Part 605. Access to ER's Financial Assistance Application Guide is possible via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

DOE policy requires that potential applicants adhere to 10 CFR 745 "Protection of Human Subjects", or such later revision of those guidelines as may be published in the Federal Register.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 25, 1997.

Take notice that on February 19, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing the tariff sheets listed in Appendix B to the filing, to be effective June 1, 1997.

Alabama-Tennessee states that the tariff sheets are submitted in compliance with Order No. 587 and the Commission's order issued on January 30, 1997 (78 FERC ¶61,075).

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before March 12, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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