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Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, as amended, and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following retransfer: RTD/CA(AU)-2 for the transfer of 596.2 kilograms of heavy water, containing approximately 5.5 ci/kilogram tritium, from Australia to Canada as part of the detritiation exchange, will be used by Ontario Hydro in the operation of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

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Notice of Intent to Provide Optional Prescreening Process for the National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³) Program

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, The Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to provide optional prescreening process for potential applicants under the DOE NICE³ program 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.

Background Information

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 program has funded follow: SO₂ 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 six years the NICE³ program has offered 65 grants (approximately \$20.5 million) to fund innovative industrial technologies.

Eligible applicants for funding 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 \$6 million in Federal funds will be made available in FY 1998 by DOE for the August 1997 solicitation. Cost sharing is required by

all applicants and/or cooperating project participants. The Federal Government will provide up to 45 percent of the funds for the project in FY 1998. 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 and project participants of the August 1997 solicitation and that DOE will accept presolicitation submissions that set out a brief description of the potential projects. 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 preproposal submissions 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 August 1997 solicitation. The DOE reviews and comments under the presolicitation process will not be used by DOE in evaluating or awarding applications under the 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 July 1, 1997. 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 the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office or State Agency. In addition, information on the NICE³ program can be located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/>