

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT); Notice of Solicitation for the Chemical Industry Initiative****AGENCY:** (DOE).**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) announces its interest in receiving applications for innovative research and development (R&D) to improve energy efficiency, and minimize the generation of wastes that supports the goals of Technical Vision 2020: The Chemical Industry. DOE and the chemical industry have entered into an memorandum of understanding to identify appropriate areas of joint research. The areas for collaborative research contemplated by this solicitation are catalysis, bioprocesses, and separation technologies.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The complete solicitation document will be available on or about July 30, 1997 on the internet by accessing either the OIT grant program home page at (<http://www.oit.doe.gov/>) or the DOE Chicago Operations Office Acquisition and Assistance Group home page at (<http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm>) under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities" Solicitation No. DE-SC02-97CH10885. Preapplications referencing DE-SC02-97CH10885 are due no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT), 45 days after the issuance of the solicitation, and full applications are due no later than 3:00 p.m. (CDT), January 5, 1998. Awards are anticipated by February 25, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Completed applications referencing Solicitation Notice DE-SC02-97CH10885 must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn.: Earlette Robinson, Bldg. 201, Rm. 3E-10, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899.

DOE's Office of Industrial Technologies supports industry efforts to increase energy efficiency, reduce waste, and increase productivity. OIT's goal is to accelerate research, development, demonstration and commercialization of energy efficient, renewable and pollution-prevention technologies benefiting industry, the environment, and U.S. energy security.

The key objectives of this solicitation and the resulting projects are improvements of the competitive position of, and employment opportunities in, the U.S. chemical

industry. These objectives are intended to be achieved through several avenues, such as the development of improved technologies and better application of existing technologies. As a result of this solicitation, DOE expects to award six (6) to twenty (20) cooperative agreements with an anticipated \$4 million in total funding for FY 98. DOE will consider projects ranging from one (1) to five (5) years.

The solicitation invites applications from any non-profit or for-profit organization, university or other institution of higher education or non-federal agency or entity. National laboratories are not eligible for awards as prime recipients. A minimum cost-sharing commitment of 30 percent of the total cost of the project will be required from chemical industry sources for R&D projects. For demonstration projects, the minimum cost-sharing commitment is 50% of the total cost of the project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Earlette Robinson at (630) 252-2667, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899; by fax at (630) 252-5045; or by e-mail at [earlette.robinson@ch.doe.gov](mailto:earlette.robinson@ch.doe.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications; Develop a Regional Market Transformation Guide for Energy Efficiency****AGENCY:** The Department of Energy (DOE)**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications, Number DE-PS45-97R530361.

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), Chicago Regional Support Office (CRSO), announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation for applications for financial assistance to (1) Develop a Regional Market Transformation Guide for Energy Efficiency and (2) Conduct a workshop for governmental agencies and private organizations in the region to discuss market transformation opportunities within the region.

**Availability of Funding in FY 1997**

With this publication, the Chicago Regional Support Office is announcing the availability of up to \$60,000 for this project during fiscal year 1997, which represents the first of what could be a

several stage project to explore development of new market institutions in a restructured environment. Subsequent phases of this project, if any, will be separately awarded. The award will be made through a competitive process. The Chicago Regional Support Office intends to make only one award. DOE reserves the right to fund none of the applications.

**Availability of the Solicitation**

DOE expects to issue the solicitation on August 1, 1997. Requests for the solicitation must be in writing and directed to Lynda Keammerlen. Facsimiles and electronic mail are acceptable and can be transmitted to (312) 886-8561 or [lynda.keammerlen@hq.doe.gov](mailto:lynda.keammerlen@hq.doe.gov). Beginning August 1, 1997, solicitations may also be obtained through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>, followed, within ten days, by written notification of receipt to Lynda Keammerlen.

Issued in Golden, CO.

Dated: July 17, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

[Case No. DH-012]

**Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver From the Vented Home Heating Equipment Test Procedure to HEAT-N-GLO Fireplace Products, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Decision and Order.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the Decision and Order (Case No. DH-012) granting a Waiver to HEAT-N-GLO Fireplace Products, Inc. (HEAT-N-GLO), from the existing Department of Energy (DOE or Department) test procedure for vented home heating equipment. The Department is granting HEAT-N-GLO's Petition for Waiver regarding the use of pilot light energy consumption in calculating the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) for its models BAYFYRE-TRS and 6000XLT vented heaters.