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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Renewal of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Pursuant to section 14 (a) (2) (A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (the Board) has been renewed for an additional two-year period, beginning in March 1998.

The Board will continue to provide independent, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary of Energy on matters concerning the Department's management, basic science, research, development and technology activities; energy and national security responsibilities; environmental cleanup activities; energy-related economic activities; and the operations of the Department.

The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced geographical representation and on the basis of their broad competence in areas relating to quality management, basic science, renewable energy, energy policy, environmental science, economics, and broad public policy interests. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business in connection with the performance of duties established by statute for the Department of Energy. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rachel M. Samuel, U.S. Department of Energy, HR-7, FORS, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-3279.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Research

#### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 98-15; Integrated Assessment of Global Climate Change Research Program

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting research grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for the Integrated Assessment of Global Climate Change Program. This notice is a follow on to four previous notices published in the *Federal Register* (Notice 93-4 published December 9, 1992, entitled Economics of Global Change Research Program; Notice 95-12 published December 29, 1994, entitled Global Change Assessment Research Program; Notice 96-06 published January 30, 1996, entitled Global Change Integrated Assessment Research, and Notice 97-06 published February 11, 1997, entitled Integrated Assessment of Global Climate Change Research Program). The research program supports the Department's Global Change Research Program, the U.S. Global Change Research Program and the Administration's goals to understand and mitigate the rise in greenhouse gases.

**DATES:** Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to submit a brief preapplication for programmatic review. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 98-15, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., E.D.T. April 20, 1998, but early submission of preapplications is encouraged to allow time for meaningful dialogue.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., May 21, 1998, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in fiscal year 1998 and early fiscal year 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Preapplications, referencing Program Notice 98-15, should be sent E-mail to john.houghton@oer.doe.gov.

Formal applications, referencing Program Notice 98-15, should be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of

Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 98-15. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Houghton, Environmental Sciences Division, ER-74, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-8288, E-mail: john.houghton@oer.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903-8519. The full text of Program Notice 98-15 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: [http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/fr98\\_\\_\(1times\)15.html](http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/fr98__(1times)15.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The determination of energy policy, such as the administration's analysis of international protocols for global climate change, is tied to understanding the benefits and costs of potential actions with respect to the control of greenhouse gases and possible climate change. The research described in this notice supports the analysis of those benefits and costs.

A theme common to the research topics supported by this program is the support of integrated assessment of global climate change. Integrated assessment of climate change is defined here as the analysis of climate change from the cause, such as greenhouse gas emissions, through impacts, such as changed energy requirements for space conditioning due to temperature changes. Integrated assessment is sometimes, but not always, implemented as a computer model. It evaluates the benefits and costs, not necessarily measured monetarily, for various actions to mitigate global climate change. A description of integrated assessment may be found in Chapter 10: "Integrated Assessment of Climate Change: An Overview and Comparison of Approaches and Results," in *Climate Change 1995: Economic and Social Dimensions of Climate Change*, edited by Bruce, James P.; Lee, Hoesung; and Haites, Erik F., Cambridge University Press, 1996.

This research will be judged in part on its potential to improve and/or support the analytical basis for policy development. The program is narrowly focused and will primarily concentrate support on the topics described below. Applications that involve development