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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site.

DATES: Wednesday, May 6, 1998: 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Support Facility, Great Basin Room, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m. Call to Order
5:40 p.m. Presentations
7:00 p.m. Public Comment/Questions
7:30 p.m. Break
7:45 p.m. Review Action Items
8:00 p.m. Approve Meeting Minutes
8:10 p.m. Committee Reports
8:45 p.m. Public Comment
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kevin Rohrer, at the 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 Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

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 Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

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Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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

AGENCY: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Hass, at (303) 275-4728, or Steve Blazek, at (303) 275-4723, at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401, FAX (303) 275-4788. In addition, information on the NICE³ program can be located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/Access/nice3>. The Contract Specialist is James Damm, at (303) 275-4744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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. For the past seven years the NICE³ program has funded innovative industrial technologies. Some industrial technologies that the NICE³ program 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.

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. The state applicant is required to have an industrial partner to be eligible for grant consideration.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.105. It is anticipated that up to \$6 million in Federal funds will be made available in FY 1999 by DOE for the June 1998 solicitation. 50% cost sharing is required by all applicants and/or cooperating project participants. The DOE share for each award shall not exceed \$425,000. The industrial partner may receive a maximum of \$400,000 in DOE funding. A maximum of \$25,000, or 10% of the total amount to industry, whichever is less, may be used to support the state applicant's cost share, if any, for costs associated with technology transfer/dissemination, marketing, etc. 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.

Presolicitation

This notice is to advise potential applicants and project participants of the June 1998 solicitation and that DOE will accept presolicitation submissions that set out a brief description of the potential projects. The submissions