

effective approach to integrating SWH into the building sector; capabilities and resources to implement the business venture; and plan to identify and address barriers which might retard market penetration. The collaborative projects are intended to include the following components: (1) Business and market planning; (2) market and business development; and (3) a pilot program for installation of solar water heating systems; and (4) a plan for a sustainable business venture beyond Federal involvement.

As there is a reasonable expectation that the recipients of a cooperative agreement will receive significant future economic benefits as a result of the performance of this project, cost sharing on the part of the recipient is required. All respondents must propose a cost share of at least 50% of the total project costs from non-Federal sources. Examples of potential applicants include, but are not limited to, home builders, utilities, and energy service companies in partnership with solar companies.

Solicitation Number DE-PS36-98GO10323 will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting projects for funding. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for May 1, 1998, with responses due 45 days following solicitation release. Issuance of the solicitation is planned on a semi-annual basis beginning in 1998.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on April 1, 1998.

**Beth H. Peterman,**

*Contracting Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Intent to Solicit Applications for Financial Assistance Grants

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Solicit applications for financial assistance grants.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy is announcing its intent to solicit applications for awards for financial assistance (i.e., grants) for the upgrade, purchase or maintenance of equipment and/or instrumentation (1) relating to the performance, control or operational capability of nuclear research reactors at university facilities, or (2) for radiation

detection and measurement at laboratories directly related to the reactor facilities.

**DATES:** The anticipated issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-98ID13671 is April 6, 1998. A copy of the solicitation in its full text may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/proc-div.html> under Current Solicitations. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications will be submitted to: Connie Osborne, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401-1563.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Osborne, Contract Specialist at (208) 526-0093 or Brad Bauer, Contracting Officer at (208) 526-0090; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401-1563.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b). Eligibility for awards under this University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities having a duly licensed, operating nuclear research or training reactor. The purpose of the URI Program is to assist educational institutions in updating their nuclear reactor or related radiation laboratory facilities.

The statutory authority for the program is Pub. L. 95-91.

**Michael L. Adams,**

*Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

**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), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 22, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via video-conference. The public is invited to attend the meeting at any of the following locations:

- *Nampa, Idaho:* Room 184 of Boise State University's Canyon County Campus, 2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID (208) 467-5707

- *Idaho Falls, Idaho:* Room 372 of the Administration Building on the Eastern Idaho Technical College campus, 1600 S. 2500 E, Idaho Falls, ID; (208) 524-3000.

- *Lewiston, Idaho:* Room 143 of the Educational Technology Center on the Lewis and Clark State College campus, 500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, ID; (208) 799-5272.

- *Twin Falls, Idaho:* Room C-91 of the Evergreen Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 3151 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, ID; (208) 733-9554 ext. 2449.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** INEEL Information (1-800-708-2680), Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp. (208-522-1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab@>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Purpose of the Board

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

#### Tentative Agenda

The objectives for the meeting will be to consider draft language developed by various committees and to achieve consensus on a final recommendation on the draft Accelerating Cleanup document. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

#### Public Comment Availability

The meeting is open to the public, with a public comment session scheduled at the end of the meeting. The Board will be available during this time period to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are no members of the public wishing to comment or no written comments to review, the board will continue with its current discussion. 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 the INEEL Information line or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., at the addresses or telephone numbers listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to