

inspecting heat exchanger tubing for internal corrosion, erosion, scale buildup, and deformation. The benefits are reduced downtime and increased efficiency for fossil and nuclear power plants, pulp and paper, and petrochemical plants.

Solicitation Specifics

There are no restrictions, however, small businesses, individual inventors, and entrepreneurs are especially encouraged to participate. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.036. Cost sharing is not required but encouraged by applicants and/or cooperating 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.

Availability of Funds in Fy 1999

With publication, DOE is announcing the availability of up to \$3 million dollars in grant agreement funds for fiscal year 1999. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Each award may cover a project period of up to two (2) years. DOE anticipates awarding grants at two levels. The first level will fund up to \$40,000 for Category 1 proposals, which fall within the first two stages of development. The second level will fund up to \$100,000 for Category 2 proposals, which fall within the last three stages of development. Refer to Appendix 1 of the Solicitation for definitions. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

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Chief, Procurement, Golden Field.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Advisory Committee on Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice

is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards. The Department will consider the information and comments received at this meeting in the conduct of its appliance standards program.

DATES: May 5, 1998, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington DC 20024, (202) 479-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy Beall, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7574, or Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-2945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The Advisory Committee on Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards was established to provide input on the appliance standards rulemaking process. The Committee serves as the focal point for discussion on the implementation of the procedures, interpretations, and policies set forth in the rule on "Procedures for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Products," 61 FR 36973 (July 15, 1996), and on cross cutting analytical issues affecting all product standard rulemakings.

Tentative Agenda

- 9:00 am Chairman's Remarks
- 9:15 am Introductions and Agenda Review
 - Introduction
 - Agenda Review
- 9:55 am FY 1999 Proposed Priority Setting
 - Overview
 - Comments/Discussion
- 10:10 am Analysis Accomplishments
 - Engineering Analysis
 - Life Cycle Cost Methodology
 - Energy Forecasting
 - Manufacturing Impact
- 11:10 pm Break
- 11:30 am DOE Response to Advisory Committee Recommendation
- 11:50 am Public Comment
- 12:10 pm New Business
- 12:30 pm Action Items and Deliverables for Next Meeting
- 12:45 pm Chairman's Closing Remarks

1:00 pm Adjourn

Please note that this draft agenda is preliminary. The times and agenda items listed are guidelines and are subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 1998.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Please notify either Brenda Edwards-Jones, (202) 586-2945, or Sandy Beall, (202) 586-7574, if you plan to attend the Advisory Committee meeting. Written statements may be filed either before or after the meeting. In order to have your written comments distributed at the Advisory Committee meeting, please provide 10 copies of the contacts listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Office of Codes and Standards at the address or telephone numbers listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Requests must be received 7 days prior to the meeting, and a reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. Such presentations may be limited to five minutes. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: Copies of the Committee's charter, minutes of the Committee meetings held on January 8, 1997, June 23, 1997, and December 12, 1997, this notice, and other correspondence regarding the Committee may be viewed at the U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. A copy of the Committee's meeting transcript will be available in the DOE public reading room approximately 10 days after the meeting. Minutes will also be available 60 days after the meeting by writing to Brenda Edwards-Jones or Sandy Beall at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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