

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation for cooperative agreement proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Advanced Automotive Technologies (OATT) announces its interest in receiving applications from colleges and universities with accredited graduate engineering programs in the United States to develop Centers of Automotive Technology Excellence under the Graduate Automotive Technology Education (GATE) Program. The Centers are intended to provide multi-disciplinary engineering training for graduate students in specific areas of advanced automotive technology. The goal of the GATE Program is to overcome technology barriers preventing the development and production of cost-effective high-efficiency vehicles for the U.S. market.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The complete solicitation document will be available on the Internet on or about May 18, 1998 by accessing the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.html> under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities" Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE50519. Applications are due no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT), on July 17, 1998. Any amendments to the solicitation will continue to be posted on the Internet. Please note that users are not alerted when the solicitation is issued or when amendments are posted. Prospective offeror(s) are therefore advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. Awards are anticipated by August 30, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE50519 must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Dennis L. Wilson, Bldg. 201, Rm. 3F-08, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899. As a result of this solicitation, DOE may award five (5) cooperative agreements, one for each desired technology area. The period of performance is expected to be September 1, 1998 to August 30, 2000. Available funding, irrespective of the number of offerors selected, is \$500,000.00 in FY 1998, and follow-on funding of approximately \$500,000.00 for FY 1999. Colleges and universities that respond to this solicitation must already have significant experience with one or more of the desired technologies and have access to laboratory facilities

and equipment to support their proposed programs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis L. Wilson, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439; Telephone No. (630) 252-2413; Fax No. (630) 252-5045, or by e-mail at [dennis.wilson@ch.doe.gov](mailto:dennis.wilson@ch.doe.gov)

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National 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), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 28, 1998: 6 p.m.–9 p.m., 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (public comment session).

**ADDRESSES:** Taos Convention Center, Taos, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (505) 665-5048.

**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:*

- 6:00 p.m. Call to Order by DOE
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome by Chair, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda and Minutes from March 21, 1998 and April 28, 1998 Meetings
- 6:30 p.m. Public Comments
- 7:00 p.m. Break
- 7:15 p.m. Board Business—Formation of Committees, Charter, Budget Status, Workshop Announcements
- 8:30 p.m. Review of Outstanding Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Recommendations

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

**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 Ms. Ann DuBois, at (505) 665-5048. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the door of the meeting room for members of the public to indicate their desire to address the Board. 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 Official 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mr. Mat Johansen, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 7, 1998.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Notice of Solicitation for Research and Development for Fuel Cells, Direct Injection Engines, and Fuels: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technology for Transportation and Buildings

**AGENCY:** Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy announces its interest in receiving financial assistance applications for research and development (R&D) on automotive fuel cells, direct injection engines, and fuels in support of the Government/automotive industry Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV). The Partnership is