

authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 12:30 p.m. on August 5, 1998.

PLACE: Federal Building Auditorium, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, Washington 99352.

STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert M. Andersen, General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Board members will review with the Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors the status of implementation of the Board's Recommendation 93-5. Recommendation 93-5 called for the accelerated characterization of the tank wastes at Hanford. This characterization information is needed to support resolution of safety issues and to support design of processing and disposal systems.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board has repeatedly expressed the view that the Department of Energy needs to accelerate characterization of high-level radioactive waste in underground tanks at the Hanford Site. On July 19, 1993, the Board formally recommended to the Secretary of Energy (Recommendation 93-5) that DOE accelerate its actions to sample and characterize the Hanford tank wastes. The Secretary accepted the Board's recommendation, and characterization of the Hanford waste tanks is proceeding in accordance with the Secretary's Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan has two major objectives: (1) characterize the tank waste sufficiently to support resolution of tank safety issues, and (2) characterize the tank waste safety sufficiently to support design of processing and disposal systems.

A public meeting will be conducted by the Board to hear from DOE and its

contractors responsible for the Tank Waste Remediation System. Those individuals will brief the Board on the status of activities under the Secretary's Implementation Plan for Recommendation 93-5.

A transcript of this proceeding will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Board's Washington, D.C. office and at the DOE's Public Reading Room, 2770 University Drive, CIC, Room 101L, Box 999, mail stop H2-53, Richland, Washington 99352. Recommendation 93-5 in its entirety is also on file at DOE's Public Reading Room in Richland and at the Board's Washington, D.C. office.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office, Office of Transportation Technologies (OTT); Notice of Solicitation for Research and Development on Automotive Integrated Power Modules (AIPM)

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Transportation Technologies (OTT) plans to issue a financial assistance solicitation (FAS) for Research and Development on Automotive Integrated Power Modules (AIPM). This solicitation, which is due to be released on or about July 15, 1998, supports the Government/automotive industry Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV).

The Partnership is developing light-duty vehicles that achieve up to three times the fuel economy of comparable conventional vehicles, meet emission standards, and offer the same level of performance and cost as today's vehicles. Additional information on the Partnership can be obtained at the USCAR web site <http://uscar.org>. Hybrid electric propulsion, integrated power electronics, along with direct injection engines, fuel cells, and light-weight materials have been selected for

development due to their potential for attaining the goal of 80-mpg fuel economy in a six-passenger sedan. The AIPM is a cross-cutting system development technology that supports DOE's automotive fuel cell and direct injection engine programs and their introduction into pre-production automobiles. Applicants shall develop and demonstrate their AIPM innovation by using open architecture concepts that permit scalable low-cost manufacturing to meet automotive goals and requirements. Further, the Applicant shall participate with DOE and its automotive industry partners to demonstrate the system development capabilities of the proposed AIPM. DOE plans to do a vehicle system validation of this technology. Those prototypes that are successful may be used to develop automotive engineering solutions for operation under extreme conditions.

The AIPM specification was coordinated with the Navy's Power Electronic Building Block (PEBB) program and the IEEE. Additional information can be found on the PEBB web site <http://pebb.onr.navy.mil> and the IEEE web site <http://stdsbbs.ieee.org/groups/1461>. System integration issues for the AIPM include delivery of complete scale modules incorporating the principles of design for manufacturing and means to update DOE existing cost analyses. Proposals are sought for light-duty transportation applications; however, a scale up to medium and heavy duty transportation application may also be considered.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on or about July 15, 1998, on the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities," Solicitation No. DE-SC02-09EE50525, with applications due on or about August 17, 1998. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted on the Internet. Please note that users will not be alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet or when amendments are posted on the Internet. Prospective applicants are, therefore, advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. The cooperative agreements are anticipated to be awarded on or about January 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications referencing Solicitation Notice DE-FC02-98EE50525 must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Earlette Robinson, Bldg. 201, Room 3E-10, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899