

current competitive application mechanisms may be deemed appropriate for consideration under this notice and may be funded under this program.

### Preapplications

A brief preapplication may be submitted. The preapplication should identify, on the cover sheet, the institution, principal investigator name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address, title of the project, and the field of scientific research. The preapplication should consist of no more than a three page narrative describing the research project objectives and methods of accomplishment. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the Complex and Collective Phenomena initiative.

Preapplications are strongly encouraged but not required prior to submission of a formal application. Please note that notification of a successful preapplication is not an indication that an award will be made in response to the formal application.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d).

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project,
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach,
3. Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources,
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers may be used and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with researchers in other institutions, such as universities, industry, non-profit organizations, federal laboratories and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including the DOE National Laboratories. A parallel announcement with a similar potential total amount of funds will be issued to DOE FFRDCs. All projects will be

evaluated using the same criteria, regardless of the submitting institution.

Information about the development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR Part 605 and in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to the Guide and required forms is available via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. On the grant face page, form DOE F 4650.2, block 15, provide the principal investigator's phone number, fax number and e-mail address. The research description must be 20 pages or less, exclusive of figure illustrations, and must contain an abstract or summary of the proposed research. Attachments include curriculum vitae, a listing of all current and pending federal support, and letters of intent when collaborations are part of the proposed research.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Golden Field Office; Hydrogen-Fuel-Cell Mining Vehicle

**AGENCY:** The Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Supplemental Announcement (09) to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development, and Demonstration for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technologies, DE-PS36-99GO10383.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen Program of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is issuing a Supplemental Announcement to EERE's Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-99GO10383, dated November 9, 1998. Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is

seeking research and development (R&D) proposals that can advance the use of fuel cell technology in hydrogen-powered, mobile, underground mining equipment.

Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements for Phase I research with a term of up to 12 months. Subject to availability, the total DOE funding under this Supplemental Announcement will be about \$160,000. It is anticipated that only one Phase I award will be made.

All information regarding the Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at the address identified below.

**DATES:** DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement on January 25, 1999. The closing date of the Supplemental Announcement is March 5, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Supplemental Announcement.

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Dated: January 23, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Southern Company Services, Inc.; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on January 27, 1999, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL99-27-000