

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for the program entitled "A Development of On-Line Temperature Measurement Instrumentation for Gasification Process Control". Through this solicitation, FETC seeks to support applications addressing the development and testing of temperature measurement instrumentation capable of functioning in a sustained and reliable manner in the high temperature section of slagging gasification systems operating at elevated pressures. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of applicants based on a scientific and engineering evaluation of the responses received to determine the relative merit of the approach taken in response to this offering by the DOE, and funding availability.

FOR FURTHER SOLICITATION INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation

A Development of On-Line Temperature Measurement Instrumentation for Gasification Process Control.

Objectives

Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40565, the Department of Energy seeks applications for innovative technical approaches to develop an accurate, reliable, robust and cost-effective real-time temperature monitoring system capable of measuring temperatures in the high temperature (typ. ranging from 2000-2600F) section of pressurized, coal-fired slagging gasifiers.

Eligibility

Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is considered to be full and open. All interested parties may apply. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor. While

national laboratories may not participate as a prime they may participate as a sub-contractor.

Areas of Interest

The Department of Energy is interested in obtaining applications offering thirty month projects for the bench-scale development of real-time temperature measurement instrumentation for high temperature, high pressure coal-fired slagging gasification systems. A variety of approaches, including the use of thermocouple- or optically-based techniques, are acceptable as long as they offer the clear potential to meet the aforementioned objectives. Furthermore, all proposed temperature measurement instrumentation must be suitable for use on large-scale slagging gasification systems and applications must address issues such as laboratory scale-up, potential placement and method of mounting on actual operating systems.

Awards

DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards may be made through the solicitation subject to funds available. Approximately \$1 million of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation. The estimated funding by the DOE is planned to be approximately \$0.33 million per award. Cost sharing by the applicant is required, and details of the cost sharing requirement are contained in the solicitation.

Solicitation Release Date

The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about April 16, 1999. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation

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Board (64 FR 14714). In that notice, the meeting was scheduled for April 22-23, 1999. Today's notice is announcing that the meeting will only take place on April 22, 1999, at 8:30am to 3:00pm.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management

Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Fee Policy

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Clarification of the Fee Policy for Acceptance of Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel.

SUMMARY: On May 13, 1996, DOE, in consultation with the Department of State, issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on a Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel (61 FR 25092), which established the foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel acceptance program. Under this program, DOE will accept until 2009 foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel and target material containing uranium enriched in the United States. The ROD stated that DOE would announce the fee policy that would apply to the spent fuel acceptance program in a separate **Federal Register** notice, so that the fee policy could be changed as necessary to reflect changes in cost or new information relevant to the policy.

The ROD acknowledged that, if the United States were to charge all foreign research reactors a full-cost recovery fee for the acceptance of eligible spent fuel, some reactor operators would not have the financial resources to participate in the program. This, in turn, could reduce the amount of spent fuel brought to the United States for management, thereby increasing the risk of diversion of highly enriched uranium (HEU) into a foreign nuclear weapons program. Accordingly, DOE and the Department of State decided that the fee charged for participation in the acceptance program should be based in part on whether the country from which the spent fuel is transported to the United States is categorized as one having a "high-income economy" or one having an "other-than-high-income economy." For countries with other-than-high-income

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting Correction

On March 26, 1999, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory