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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-23: Outstanding Junior Investigator Program

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Division of High Energy Physics of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Outstanding Junior Investigator (OJI) Program. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty investigators who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research, and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers. Awards made under this program will help to maintain the vitality of university research and assure continued excellence in the teaching of physics.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for award in fiscal year 2000, formal applications submitted in response to this notice should be received before November 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 99-23 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 1901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99-23. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any other commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted. Due to the anticipated number of reviewers, it would be helpful for each applicant to submit an additional four copies of the application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Jeffrey Mandula, Division of High Energy Physics, SC-221 (GTN), U.S. Department of Energy, 1901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-4829. E-Mail: [jeffrey.mandula@science.doe.gov](mailto:jeffrey.mandula@science.doe.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Outstanding Junior Investigator program was started in 1978 by the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Research. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented new high energy physicists early in their careers and assist and facilitate the development of their research programs. Eligibility for awards under this notice is therefore restricted to non-tenured investigators who are conducting experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research. Since its debut, the program has initiated support for between five and ten new Outstanding Junior Investigators each year. The program has been very successful and contributes importantly to the vigor of the U.S. High Energy Physics program. Applicants should request support under this notice for normal research project costs as required to conduct their proposed research activities. The full range of activities currently supported by the Division of High Energy Physics is eligible for support under this program.

The DOE expects to make five to ten grant awards in fiscal year 2000 to meet the objectives of this program. It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be available in fiscal year 2000, subject to availability of appropriated funds. In the past, awards have averaged \$50,000 per year, with the number of awards determined by the number of excellent applications and the total funds available for this program. Multiple year funding of grant awards is

expected, with funding provided on an annual basis subject to availability of funds. Renewal beyond the initial project period is normal so long as the recipient's tenure status is unchanged.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 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; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605. Electronic access to the application guide and required forms is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

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

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-423-000, FERC Form No. 423]

### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

August 16, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the