

County. The project effluent will discharge to the Lehigh River.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Acting Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 222 prior to the hearing.

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Dated: September 14, 1999.

Anne M. Zamonski,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Oak Ridge Operations Office, Office of Transportation Technologies; Notice of Solicitation for Research and Development for Class 1-8 Truck Diesel Engine and Natural Gas Fueled Hybrid Propulsion Technologies: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technology for Transportation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving financial assistance applications for research and development (R&D) on Technologies for Class 1-8 truck Diesel engine and hybrid propulsion technologies. DOE's Office of Heavy Vehicle Technologies (OHVT) has set a goal of improving the efficiency and emissions performance of Class 1-8 trucks through the use of advanced Diesel engines, emission control technologies, and hybrid electric propulsion systems.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about September 21, 1999. Preapplications are due October 4, 1999, and applications are due November 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The complete solicitation document will be available on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Home Page at <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov/> under the heading "IIPS

Business Opportunities", Solicitation Number DE-SC05-99OR22735. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted at the IIPS site 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 expected to be awarded on or about January 28, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Topic (1) is Heavy Truck Engine Program. The goal is to develop high efficiency, low emission Diesel engine technologies for Class 7-8 trucks. Topic (2) is Heavy Hybrid Vehicles Program. The goal is to develop hybrid electric vehicle systems technologies utilizing reciprocating natural gas engines for Class 3-6 urban trucks and buses. Topic (3) is Clean Diesel Engine Component Improvement Program. The goal is to develop component and technology improvements and/or alterations for increased efficiency, reduced emissions, and decreased manufacturing costs of Class 1-8 Diesel engines. The primary fuel for programs 1 and 3 is the applicable (per Environmental Protection Agency) Diesel certification fuel specified for Federal Test Procedure emissions testing. The fuel grade may be appropriately revised throughout the duration of the three research efforts to be consistent with EPA regulations or proposed rules. The impact of fuel properties on efficiency and performance is the focus of a companion program in OHVT. (If appropriate, new fuels identified in that companion program may be introduced into one or more of the three R&D programs described in this solicitation.) For program 3, applicant teams must propose to include a hybrid propulsion system using a reciprocating engine operating on natural gas. Proposals may be submitted for one, two, or all three programs. Proposals must be submitted separately for each program. Under Topic 1, approximately 2-4 awards will be made, with periods of performance ranging from twenty-four to sixty months, with total estimated DOE funding of \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000. Under Topic 2, there will be approximately 3-5 awards, with periods of performance ranging from forty-eight to sixty months, with total estimated

DOE funding of \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Under Topic 3, there will be approximately 3-5 awards, with periods of performance ranging from twenty-four to forty-eight months, with total estimated DOE funding of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Topics 1 and 2 require a minimum 50 percent cost share; Topic 3 requires a minimum 25 percent cost share. Awards are subject to the availability of funds and the solicitation will not obligate DOE to make any awards(s). Any non-profit or for-profit organization, university, or other institution of higher education, or non-federal agency or entity is eligible to apply. Federal laboratory participation is encouraged and will be subject to DOE approval. The solicitation will provide further guidance in this area. Awards resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the requirements of the Energy Policy Act which in general requires that the awardee be a United States-owned company (including certain non-profits) or that the foreign country in which the parent company is located meets certain conditions of reciprocity in the treatment of investments, access to research and development programs, and protection of intellectual property. All responsible sources, as indicated above, may submit a preapplication or application which shall be considered by the Government.

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Peter D. Dayton,

Director, Procurement and Contracts Division, Oak Ridge Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-99ID13831—Steel Industries of the Future.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office, is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the steel industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the steel industry in the Steel Industry Technology Roadmap.