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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Optional Prescreening Process for the Inventions and Innovation Program

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Optional pre-proposal process for potential applicants under the DOE Inventions and Innovation Program solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a competitive grant program entitled Inventions and Innovation (I&I). The goals of the I&I Program are to improve energy efficiency through the promotion of innovative ideas and inventions that have a significant potential energy impact and a potential future commercial market.

DATES: The abstract for the proposed project may be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before March 17, 2000 for the May 2000 solicitation. Pre-proposal abstracts received between March 18, 2000 and July 31, 2000 (the open period of the solicitation) will not receive a response until after the solicitation closes on July 31, 2000. Pre-proposal dates for the Fiscal Year 2001 solicitation will be posted on the I&I website after July 31, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Industrial Technologies' (OIT) Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program funds up to \$200,000 for promising projects demonstrating both energy-related innovation and future commercial market potential. The I&I Program emphasizes funding projects within the following OIT focus industries: Agriculture, Aluminum, Chemicals, Forest Products, Glass, Metalcasting, Mining, Petroleum, and Steel. Please see the OIT website at www.oit.doe.gov for additional details on these focus industries.

OIT is part of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE/RE). While emphasis will be given to technologies within the OIT focus industries identified previously,

projects that meet the missions and areas of concern of the other EE/RE sectors—transportation, buildings, and power will also be considered for award. Please refer to www.eren.doe.gov for additional information on the EE/RE sectors.

Pre-Proposal

An optional pre-proposal may be submitted to DOE through March 17, 2000 for the 2000 Solicitation. DOE will provide a timely response regarding the invention's program relevance. The pre-proposal must be typed, must not exceed two pages, and must adhere to the prescribed format. The submission of a pre-proposal abstract is not mandatory for submitting an application under the May 2000 solicitation. The abstract format will be available through the Inventions and Innovation site at the I&I website, <http://www.oit.doe.gov/inventions> or from the contacts listed below. If unable to access the internet, you may obtain a copy of the abstract format by calling Jennifer Palasz at (303) 275-4764, FAX (303) 275-4788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401. Jennifer Palasz, at (303) 275-4764, by FAX at (303) 275-4788, or Internet at jennifer_palasz@nrel.gov. The Contract Specialist is Jim Damm, at (303) 275-4744 or Internet at jim_damm@nrel.gov. In addition, program information and the pre-proposal format can be located at the I&I website at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/inventions>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Optional Pre-Proposal Process for the National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³) Program

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Optional pre-proposal process for potential applicants under the DOE NICE³ program solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a State Grant Program entitled National Industrial

Competitiveness through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE³). The goals of the NICE³ Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry.

DATES: A pre-proposal abstract for the proposed project may be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before March 17, 2000. Pre-proposal abstracts received between March 18, 2000 and July 31, 2000 (the open period of the solicitation) will not receive a response until after the solicitation closes on July 31, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Industrial Technologies' (OIT) National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE³) Program funds up to \$525,000 (50% cost sharing is required) for the first commercial demonstration of innovative industrial technologies that reduce energy consumption, waste production, and operating costs. Applications must be submitted by an authorized state agency with an appropriate industrial partner. The NICE³ Program emphasizes funding projects within the following OIT focus industries: Agriculture, Aluminum, Chemicals, Forest Products, Glass, Metalcasting, Mining, Petroleum, and Steel. Please see the OIT website at www.oit.doe.gov for additional details on these focus industries. OIT is part of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE/RE), and consideration will also be given to projects that involve non-OIT focus industries and industrial processes in the other three EE/RE sectors (buildings, transportation, and power).

Pre-Proposal

An optional pre-proposal may be submitted to DOE's Golden Field Office through March 17, 2000 for the May 2000 solicitation. DOE will provide a timely response regarding the technology's program relevance. The pre-proposal must be typed, must not exceed two pages, and should utilize the prescribed format. The pre-proposal must be submitted through a state agency. The submission of a pre-proposal abstract is not mandatory for submitting an application under the May 2000 solicitation. A suggested abstract format will be available through the NICE³ website, <http://www.oit.doe.gov/nice3> or by the contacts listed below. The DOE reviews and comments under the pre-proposal process will not be used by DOE in