

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Additional Public Hearing for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV**

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of additional public hearing.

SUMMARY: On August 13, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Availability (64 FR 44200) of its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250-D) and announced a 180-day public comment period ending February 9, 2000. Subsequently, 16 public hearings were announced on September 9, 1999 (64 FR 48996). DOE is now announcing one additional public hearing. To schedule a time to provide oral comments during the hearings, please call 1-800-967-3477. Persons wishing to provide oral comments who have not registered in advance may register at the hearings.

DATES: The additional public hearing will be held on December 2, 1999, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in Carson City, Nevada.

ADDRESSES: The additional public hearing will be held at the following location: Carson City, Nevada—Nevada State Legislature, Room 4100, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Project Manager, M/S 010, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307, Telephone 1-800-967-3477, Facsimile 1-800-967-0739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public hearings have been scheduled for the following dates at the following locations:

1. September 27, 1999, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Amargosa Valley Community Center, 821 East Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, Nevada 89020
2. September 30, 1999, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 North

Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada 89048

3. October 4, 1999, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Goldfield Community Center, 403 Crook Street, Goldfield, Nevada 89013
4. October 5, 1999, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702
5. October 19, 1999, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 4:00 pm—8:00 pm, Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 Sixth Street, Ely, Nevada 89301
6. October 21, 1999, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Georgia International Convention Center, 1902 Sullivan Road, College Park, Georgia 30337
7. October 26, 1999, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001
8. November 4, 1999, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm, 7:00 pm—10:00 pm, Statham Hall, 138 North Jackson Street, Lone Pine, California 93545
9. November 9, 1999, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Caliente Youth Center, U.S. Highway 93 North, Caliente, Nevada 89008
10. November 16, 1999, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Denver Convention Complex, 700 14th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202
11. December 1, 1999, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Lawlor Events Center, 1664 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89557
12. December 2, 1999, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Nevada State Legislature, Room 4100, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701
13. December 7, 1999, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 5:30 pm—9:30 pm, Austin Town Hall, 137 Court Street, Austin, Nevada 89310
14. December 9, 1999, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Crescent Valley Town Hall, 5045 Tenabo Avenue, Crescent Valley, Nevada 89821
15. January 11, 2000, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Grant Sawyer State Building, 555 East Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
16. January 13, 2000, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, Salt Lake City Hilton Inn, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
17. January 20, 2000, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm, America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Issued in Washington, DC, October 4, 1999.

Lake Barrett,

Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance**

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13865—University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for awards of financial assistance (*i.e.*, grants) that will support educational institutions in updating their nuclear reactors or related radiation laboratory equipment and instrumentation. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13865 is October 5, 1999. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html> under "Current Solicitations and Sources Sought". The deadline for receipt of applications is 63 days after the issuance date of the solicitation or by December 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Connie H. Osborne, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Osborne, Contract Specialist at osbornchl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation was issued pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b). Eligibility for awards under this University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities having a duly licensed, operating nuclear research or training reactor. The purpose of this program is to upgrade, purchase, or maintain equipment and instrumentation related to the performance, control, or operational capability of the reactor facility. The program will increase the quality and/or efficiency of the operation of the reactor facility and/or will improve or expand the research and training capabilities of the reactor facility.

Issued in Idaho Falls on September 30, 1999.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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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>.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on October 1, 1999.

Matthew Barron,

Acting Procurement Director, GO.

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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