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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Team Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Team Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Team Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Adult Education Annual

Performance and Financial Reports.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 59

Burden Hours: 6,490

Abstract: The information contained in the Annual Performance Reports for Adult Education is needed to monitor the performance of the activities and services funded under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998. Report to Congress on the Levels of Performance Achieved on the core indicators of performance, provide necessary outcome information to meet OVAE's GPRA goals for adult education, and provide documentation for incentive awards under Title V of the Workforce Investment Act. The respondents include eligible agencies in 59 states and insular areas.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address

OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice Inviting Financial Assistance Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a

competitive Program Solicitation (DE-PS26-00FT40759) and award financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for the program entitled "Development of Technologies and Capabilities for Fossil Energy R&D Program." The Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), on behalf of FETC and the National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO), seeks cost-shared research and development applications on fossil technologies needed to ensure the availability of affordable energy for the future. This solicitation seeks applications for energy-related research and development that promotes the efficient and sound production and use of fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, and oil).

FETC and NPTO expect to support applications in the following thirteen (13) separate (i.e., stand alone) Areas of Interest:

- (1) Gasification Technologies,
- (2) Transportation Fuels and Chemicals,
- (3) Combustion Systems,
- (4) Environmental Innovations for Existing Plants,
- (5) Advanced Fuels Research and Speciality Markets,
- (6) Advanced Research,
- (7) Advanced Turbines and Engines,
- (8) Fuel Cells,
- (9) Natural Gas Supply and Infrastructure,
- (10) Gas-to-Liquids (Natural Gas Processing),
- (11) Oil Technology—Emerging Process Technology,
- (12) Oil Technology—Critical Upstream Technology Development and Improvements,
- (13) Oil and Gas Upstream and Downstream Effective Environmental Protection.

Awards will be made to a limited number of applicants under each area of interest based on the promise of the proposed technology, the quality of prior supporting scientific and engineering studies, the technical approach to reduce the proposed technology to practice, the appropriateness of the project plan, the technical and management capabilities of the applicant organization(s), and availability of DOE funding.

FOR FURTHER SOLICITATION CONTACT: Keith R. Miles, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412) 386-5984, FAX: (412) 386-6137, E-mail: miles@fetc.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Solicitation Number: DE-PS26-00FT40759.

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 will be made. Approximately \$13-\$27 million of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation, which cover all of the thirteen (13) areas of interest. A minimum 20% cost sharing by the applicant is required for all Areas, however a 50% cost sharing is required for the Field Demonstration activities (covered in Area 12). Details of the cost sharing requirement, and the specific funding levels are contained in the solicitation.

Solicitation Release Date: This Program Solicitation (available in both WordPerfect 6.1 and Portable Document Format (PDF)) is expected to be ready for release on or about November 10, 1999 and will be available from FETC's World Wide Web Server Internet System at (<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit>). Related information on the Fossil Energy areas of interest can be found in the "Technologies Site" on the FETC Internet website (www.fetc.doe.gov) and in the "Program Area" on the NPTO Internet website (www.npto.doe.gov).

Dated: November 4, 1999.

Keith R. Miles,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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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-PS07-00ID13862—Metal Casting Industries of the Future.

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

DATES: The deadline for optional pre-applications is November 19, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

The deadline for receipt of full applications is February 25, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Beth Dahl, Contract Specialist, 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: Beth Dahl, Contract Specialist at dahlee@id.doe.gov, or Linda Hallum, Contracting Officer at hallumla@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Metal Casting Industry Technology Roadmap can be found at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/metalcast/roadmap.shtml>.

Approximately \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 of funding will be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 5 to 10 cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of three years or less. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects over the life of the project. First year cost share can be as low as 40% if subsequent years have sufficient cost share so that non-federal share totals at least 50%. Collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13862 is on or about November 9, 1999. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on November 8, 1999.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Oakland Operations Office

Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS03-00SF22016, Nuclear Energy Research Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE), Oakland Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation inviting grant and cooperative agreement applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is interested in receiving applications for financial assistance through the award of grants and cooperative agreements, as appropriate, for innovative scientific and engineering research and development in the field of nuclear energy as part of the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI). NERI is designed to support innovative research, primarily to address the principal technical and scientific obstacles to future use of nuclear power in the U.S. NERI is also intended to reinvigorate the vital nuclear scientific and engineering infrastructure within U.S. universities, industry and DOE national laboratories.

The NERI program was initiated in Government Fiscal Year 1999, with awards for 46 projects, variously of 1 to 3 years duration. This Solicitation applies to the "second round" of the program, calling for new awards in Fiscal Year 2000.

This Solicitation applies to applications from universities or other institutions of higher learning, industry, non-profit and R&D organizations, and collaborations among organizations, including those in which DOE national laboratories are participating, but not as the lead organization. A separate Program Announcement is being issued simultaneously for applications in which a DOE national laboratory is the sole or lead performing organization, and is available on the NERI web page.

DATES: Potential applicants are requested to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply (Attachment A). Refer to the paragraph on the Designation of Field(s) of Proposed Work and the listing in Attachment B of this solicitation to identify the contemplated field of R&D to be specified in Attachment A. The Notice should be faxed to Denise Berry, Department of Energy at (510) 637-2025 by December 8, 1999. Submittal of this Notice is not obligatory. However, the Notice will greatly facilitate the application review process and selection of reviewers.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is February 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All formal applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-PS03-00SF22016, should be sent to Denise Berry, U.S. Department of Energy, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, California 94612-5208. Attn: Solicitation No. DE-PS03-00SF22016. An original and seven copies of the formal application shall be submitted by United States Postal Service including Express Mail or commercial mail delivery service, or should be hand carried by the applicant