

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.

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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.

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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