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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established by Executive Order 13021 (October 19, 1996) to provide advice regarding the progress made by federal agencies toward fulfilling the purposes and objective of the order. The Board shall also provide recommendations to the President and the Secretary of Education at least annually on ways Tribal Colleges can:

(1) Use long-term development, endowment building, and master planning to strengthen institutional viability;

(2) Use the federal and private sector to improve financial management and security, obtain private sector funding support, and expand and complement federal education initiatives;

(3) Develop institutional capacity through the use of new and emerging technologies offered by the federal and private sectors;

(4) Enhance physical infrastructure to facilitate more efficient operation and effective recruitment and retention of students and faculty; and

(5) Help achieve National Education Goals and meet other high standards of education accomplishment.

The meeting agenda will include: Strategic Planning discussions; information sharing among Presidentially appointed members; and organizing the Presidential Advisory Board on Tribal Colleges and Universities into cluster committees and developing their agenda. The general public is encouraged to attend. However, space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

A summary of the activities of the meeting and other related materials, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges & Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 4050 MES, 330 C. Street, SW, Washington, DC from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Robert D. Muller,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Meeting**

AGENCY: President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Rescheduled notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Due to inclement weather the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities meeting was cancelled for Friday, January 21, 2000, and is rescheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2000. This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 16, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Treopia Washington, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 8108, Washington, DC 20006-5120. Telephone: (202) 502-7900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities was established under Executive Order 12876 of November 1, 1993. The Board was established to advise on federal policies that impact upon Historically Black Colleges and Universities, to advise on strategies to increase participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in federally sponsored programs and funding opportunities, and to advise on strategies to increase private sector support for these colleges.

The meeting of the Board is open to the public. The meeting will focus on efforts to expand federal and private sector support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Records are kept of all Board procedures and are available for public inspection at the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities located at 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 8099, Washington, DC,

20006, from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A. Lee Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Comment Period Extension and 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, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of comment period extension and 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. Based on input from the public, DOE is now announcing an additional public hearing in San Bernardino, California. The comment period is being extended to February 28, 2000.

DATES: The additional public hearing will be held on February 22, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The comment period for the Draft EIS is extended to February 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The additional public hearing will be held at the following location: Radisson Hotel, 295 North E. Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

Written comments on the Draft EIS should be directed to: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Program 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. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile to 1-800-967-0739 and should include the following identifier: "Yucca Mountain Draft EIS." Comments may be submitted over the Internet via the Yucca Mountain Project website at <http://www.ymp.gov>, under the listing "Environmental Impact Statement."

INVITATION TO COMMENT: The public is invited to provide comments on the Draft EIS during the comment period that ends on February 28, 2000. DOE will consider comments received during the comment period in preparation of the Final EIS. Comments received after February 28, 2000 will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Program 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. Copies of the document may also be requested by telephone (1-800-967-3477) or over the Internet via the Yucca Mountain Project website at <http://www.ymp.gov>, under the listing "Environmental Impact Statement"; the Draft EIS also may be viewed on this website.

Issued in Washington, DC, February 2, 2000.

Ivan Itkin,

Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office, Office of Industrial Technologies; Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications for Cooperative Research and Development for Advanced Microturbine Systems

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving applications for federal assistance. The purpose of this research is to advance the state of development of one or more cost-effective technologies for integration into Advanced Microturbine Systems that will be commercialized and used in power and/or combined heat and power generation. In order to reach this goal, component and subsystem development, testing integration and demonstration of optimized and fully integrated microturbine systems will be performed.

DATES: The solicitation document will be available on or about February 25, 2000. Applications are due on or about April 12, 2000. Awards are anticipated by August 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation will be available on the internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Group home page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/acq.htm> under the heading "Current Solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00CH11016. Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00CH11016 must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Communications Center, Building 201, Room 168, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, ATTN: Tonja L. Stokes, Acquisition and Assistance Group.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tonja L. Stokes at 630/252-2136, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, by facsimile at 630/252-5045, or by electronic mail at tonja.stokes@ch.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Scope of Work covers applied research in five work areas as described below as Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. In addition to these tasks, the Scope of Work includes Subtasks A and B. Subtask A will require the participant to provide a report that will identify and quantify the potential technical market for microturbine systems. Subtask B will require the participant to provide a commercialization plan which supports the proposed technological development.

The Tasks represent an increasing progression of maturation stages for technology development. Task 1 involves concept research and development; Task 2 involves subsystem component design and development; Task 3 involves microturbine modifications for integration of advanced technologies; Task 4 involves microturbine system assembly and testing, and Task 5 involves pre-commercial demonstration. Depending on the current maturation of proposed technologies, the work may start at any task if prior work has been performed that would satisfy completion or sufficient progress of the previous task(s). For example, an applicant with an innovative concept but limited development experience for that concept may decide to apply only under Task 1. Whereas, applicants with more developed concepts may elect to bypass the initial tasks. Applications may address any combination or portions of the tasks. While it is not mandatory for applications to address only sequentially numbered tasks (e.g., applying under Tasks 1, 3 and 4 is allowable), there must be a logical

sequence of the tasks to be performed based on the nature of the work to be performed.

The ultimate maturation of technologies will be reached upon the attainment of the solicitation objectives in a pre-commercial demonstration of 8000 hours (Task 5). Although it is the intention of this solicitation to support development of microturbine systems that will so culminate, there also is relevancy in gaining a better understanding of advanced technologies and their impact on microturbines. In such a case, development of a completed commercial system may not be feasible. For example, development may end prior to the maturation state of Task 5, or Task 5 may be scheduled to complete less than the 8000 hours (but more than 4000 hours as discussed below) identified in the solicitation as a goal for commercialization. Regardless of the tasks proposed, applications will raise the maturation level of the concept relative to the solicitation objectives.

Insofar as Subtask A and B are concerned, all participants will complete the program and planning report required by Subtask A, which will become part of the lowest numbered Task proposed. Additionally, participants performing work under Tasks 3, 4 and/or 5 will complete the commercialization plan required by Subtask B as a part of the lowest numbered Task proposed that is equal to or greater than 3.

All work proposed to be performed under an application must be scheduled for completion within the five year life expectancy of this program.

Under Tasks 1 and 2 that follow, the work may be performed with respect to any test device or turbines that could serve as a logical and cost effective intermediate basis for developing a technology for microturbines. However, any such technology developed under Tasks 1 and 2 must have applicability to microturbines.

Under Tasks 3, 4 and 5 that follow, all work must be performed with respect to microturbines and the demonstration required under Task 5 must be performed on a microturbine. In performing this work, one or more such turbines may be used.

Work under all tasks will be enhanced by the participation of an end user. For these tasks, this solicitation encourages the coordination of technical and administrative activities with an end user. Long-term demonstration under Task 5 should be conducted at an end user that is committed by the applicant. We encourage the demonstration to be conducted at an Industry of the Future Company.