

Agency: Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Board.

Title: Guarantee Agreement.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection—Emergency Review.

Burden: 1,475 hours.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Average Hours per Response: 80.

Needs and Uses: Pursuant to “The Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program Act of 1999,” Chapter 2, Public Law 106–51, the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Board developed a guarantee agreement that must be signed by qualified oil and gas companies that receive loan guarantees. The information being collected will be used and is necessary to ensure that the applicant is meeting the conditions of the guarantee agreement and to protect the Federal government from default and/or fraud. The information is also required as supporting documentation for annual or other audits that may be conducted by or on behalf of the Board or by the General Accounting Office (GAO) for as long as the guarantee agreement is in effect.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Frequency: Quarterly and, if applicable, in the event of noncompliance with terms of the guarantee agreement.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary but required to obtain a loan guarantee.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A clearance has been requested by May 12, 2000.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## EMERGENCY STEEL GUARANTEE LOAN BOARD

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This collection has been submitted under the emergency Paperwork Reduction Act procedures.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Solicitation—Agriculture Industry of the Future.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID), on behalf of the Office of Industrial Technologies, is seeking applications for innovative cost-shared research, development and demonstration of technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts in the emerging renewable bioproducts industry. The research must address high priority goals in either the processing or utilization barrier areas identified in the “Technology Roadmap for Plant/Crop-Based Renewable Resources 2020.”

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 p.m. MDT June 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Elaine Richardson [DE–PS07–00ID13959], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401–1563.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Richardson, Contract Specialist, at richarem@id.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research & Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93–577). DOE anticipates making approximately 3 to 6 awards with total estimated DOE funding of \$400,000 to \$750,000 per award per year, each with a duration of three years or less. Multi-partner collaborations including National Laboratories are encouraged. Single organization awards will not be considered. Industrial partners must be included, either as primary applicants or as cost sharing partners. This solicitation will require a fifty per cent (50%) minimum non-federal cost-share. National Laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance