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DATES: The American Solar Challenge will be held July 15, 2001 through July 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at 303-275-4722, e-mail ruth_adams@nrel.gov.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this Announcement, can be obtained from the Golden Field Office Home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>. Details on the American Solar Challenge can be obtained at <http://www.formulasun.org/ascindex.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this Announcement, DOE is announcing its intention to sponsor the 2001 American Solar Challenge (ASC). The ASC is a biennial, competition to design, build and race solar-powered cars. The ten-day, cross-country event will be held from July 15, 2001 through July 25, 2001 and follow the historic Route 66, beginning in Chicago, Illinois and ending near Los Angeles, CA. Historically, solar car racing in the U.S. has featured exclusively North American post secondary (college and university) teams. However, the ASC has opened entry to schools, companies, universities, clubs and individuals worldwide. The American Solar Challenge will pit cars powered only by the sun's energy against each other in a competition that only the brightest, most creative and best organized team can be expected to win. At almost 2300 miles, it will be the longest solar car race in the world. Since it follows the old Route 66 and coincides with the 75th anniversary of that famous road, it will be a highly visible event and provide a dramatic, high technology, futuristic contrast to the nostalgic events surrounding the anniversary. In the past, sponsors of solar car races, both domestic and international, have received significant amounts of very positive publicity that has enhanced the sponsors' public image. This race has the potential to be the most visible solar car race ever. The mission of the American Solar Challenge is to promote and celebrate educational excellence and engineering creativity and champion the creative integration of technical and scientific expertise across a range of exciting disciplines. The

mission includes the promotion of: (1) Renewable energies, specifically photovoltaics; (2) educational and engineering excellence; (3) environmental consciousness; and (4) public education and awareness of the potential of emerging technologies.

Through sponsorship, DOE intends to support and encourage bright minds to succeed in the fields of engineering, sciences, mathematics, and multi-disciplined learning and to support public awareness and enthusiasm, both for educational excellence and for the technologies that emerge. DOE's funding support is expected to be \$400,000 for the planning, management, and conduct of the race. DOE will also conduct public outreach and community relations before and during the race. In addition to DOE's support, New Resources Group is seeking co-sponsorship and support for the solar-powered car race. Parties interested in co-sponsoring or supporting the American Solar Challenge, either financially or through donations, should contact Dan Eberle, President of New Resources Group and race organizer, at Formula Sun, P.O. Box 30, Freeman, MO 64746, 1-800-840-5511 or deberle@formulasun.org. Parties interested in providing support to participating teams should contact the teams directly. A list of participating teams can be obtained from www.formulasun.org or contacting Dan Eberle at deberle@formulasun.org or by calling 1-877-840-5511 or 1-800-606-8881. Race regulations and route information for the American Solar Challenge can be obtained through <http://www.formulasun.org/ascindex.html>. For information on previous solar car races, access <http://www.sunrayce.com/sunrayce/>.

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Jerry L. Zimmer,

Procurement Director, in care of Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nuclear Medicine Education Award Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Program Interest.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces a university grant program providing support for the development of graduate and postgraduate academic curricula in nuclear medicine studies and

applications including nuclear pharmacy. The support includes individual grants up to \$120,000 a year for up to three years to support faculty, academic staff, and laboratory equipment and instrumentation. The total funding for this award program is \$500,000 per year for three years. The specific goal of these grants is to increase the number of graduate students enrolled in these programs.

DATES: Opening date: September 5, 2000, and closing date: October 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Complete details, instructions on how to apply, opening and closing dates and the forms may be obtained from the DOE NE home page on the Internet at: <http://www.ne.doe.gov>. The formal solicitation document will be disseminated electronically as solicitation number DE-PS01-00NE22918 through the Department's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) home page located at <https://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Pantaleo, Program Manager, at 301-903-2525 and Phyllis Morgan, Contract Specialist at 202-426-0064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This effort is part of the DOE Advanced Nuclear Medicine Initiative (ANMI) that was inaugurated Fiscal Year 2000. The purpose of the ANMI is to support broad-based research on new uses of isotopes including alpha emitters for the diagnosis and therapy of life threatening diseases or other innovative medical applications, and to support nuclear medicine educational programs.

Effective October 1, 1999, the IIPS system became the primary way for the Office of Headquarters Procurement Services to conduct competitive acquisitions and financial assistance transactions. IIPS provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and proposals, evaluating, and awarding various instruments in a paperless environment. All documents included in your applications should be submitted in the Microsoft Word format. To get more information about IIPS and to register your organization, go to <https://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>. Follow the link on the IIPS home page to the Secure Services Page. Registration is a prerequisite to the submission of an application, and applicants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. When registering, all applicants should use the same North American Industry Classifications System number: 325412. A help document, which describes how IIPS

works, can be found at the bottom of the Secure Services Page.

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Carol Rueter,

Director, Program Services Division, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Certification of the Radiological Condition of the Kimble Property in Hamilton, Ohio

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Certification.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed remedial actions to decontaminate a property in Hamilton, Ohio. Formerly, the property was found to contain quantities of residual radioactive material resulting from materials received from the Department of Energy Fernald Area Office operations. Radiological surveys show that the property now meets applicable requirements for radiologically unrestricted use.

ADDRESSES: The certification docket is available at the following locations:

Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190,
Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of
Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue,
S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585
Public Environmental Information
Center, U.S. Department of Energy,
10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway,
Harrison, OH 45030.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack R. Craig, Director, Fernald Area Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Cincinnati, OH 45253, (513) 648-3101 Fax: (513) 648-3071.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy, Ohio Field Office, has conducted remedial action at the Kimble Property in Hamilton, Ohio. The remedial action, commenced in 1994, was conducted pursuant to standards established in DOE Order 5400.5 for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of the public against radiation in conducting the Department's programs.

In 1973, DOE-Fernald declared various materials from the Fernald Plant to be surplus and subject to public sale. Mr. Kimble, a plant employee at that time, purchased a plant maintenance bus, redwood from a plant cooling tower, and items of construction hardware. These materials were released to Mr. Kimble for unrestricted use according to then-applicable standards

(0.3 rad/hr) and were transported to the Kimble property.

In 1994, at the request of the property owner, DOE-Fernald performed a radiological survey of the Kimble property and identified contamination in excess of the current DOE surface contamination guidelines for beta-gamma emitters. The survey revealed that the radioactive contamination was primarily associated with the redwood and, to a lesser extent, with soil, pipes, and assorted hardware. In addition to investigating radioactive contamination, DOE-Fernald noted the need to investigate the potential migration from ash or weathered redwood of arsenic and chromium contaminants originating from preservatives used to treat the redwood. Remediation activities were initiated in August, 1995 and were concluded in June, 1996.

Post-remedial action surveys have demonstrated and DOE has certified that the subject property is in compliance with the Department's radiological decontamination criteria and standards. The standards are established to protect members of the general public and occupants of the properties and to ensure that future use of the properties will result in no radiological exposure above applicable health-based guidelines.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) in the Department's Public Reading Room, located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. Copies of the certification docket will also be available in the DOE Public Environmental Information Center, U.S. Department of Energy, 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio 45030.

DOE, through the Ohio Field Office, has issued the following statement:

Statement of Certification: Kimble Property, Hamilton, Ohio DOE, Ohio Field Office, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following remedial action at the Kimble Property (4090 Stillwell Road, Hamilton, Ohio; Parcel Numbers 25, 26, and 46 filed in Plat Book Hanover, Page 18 in the records of Butler County, Ohio). Based on analysis of all data collected, including post-remedial action surveys, DOE certifies that any residual contamination which remains onsite falls within current guidelines for use without radiological restrictions. This certification of compliance provides assurance that reasonably foreseeable future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above current guidelines established to protect

members of the general public as well as occupants of the site.

Property owned by Daniel and Maxine Kimble: 4090 Stillwell Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.

Issued in Dayton, OH on August 9, 2000.

Susan Brechbill,

Manager, Ohio Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Sources Sought for Superconductivity Program for Electric Power Systems

AGENCY: Golden Field Office; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Solicitation—DOE Superconductivity Partnership Initiative (SPI) Program.

SUMMARY: The DOE Office of Power Technologies intends to issue a solicitation for proposals under which several competitive financial assistance awards will be made in support of the DOE SPI Program in Fiscal Year 2001. Expression of interest in this solicitation is requested at this time. In addition, it is requested that interested parties comment regarding the approach to be followed in the anticipated solicitation as described below.

DATES: DOE is requesting expressions of interest and comments in responding to the contemplated solicitation by August 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. The Project Engineer is Russell Eaton, at (303) 275-4740 or e-mail at russell_eaton@nrel.gov. The Contract Specialist is James McDermott, at FAX: (303) 275-4788 or e-mail at jim_mcdermott@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The office of Power Technologies of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) intends to issue a solicitation in early Fiscal Year 2001 for SPI. DOE, as part of its Superconductivity Program for Electric Power Systems, is currently pursuing the development of electric power equipment incorporating High Temperature Superconductors (HTS) through its SPI. The purpose of the SPI is to accelerate the time for the initial commercialization of energy-saving HTS electric power equipment. DOE intends to share the costs of the projects to be