

normally be renewed after the project period is completed. It is anticipated that at the end of the grant period, grantees will submit new grant applications to continue their research to the Department of Energy or other Federal funding agencies. For the Office of Science, these applications should follow the usual application process. Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR part 605:

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

An additional review criteria will address educational aspects of the proposed work including the involvement of graduate and undergraduate students. These aspects should be discussed in the application.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605 which is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Teleconference Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a open teleconference meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow

for public participation. The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss the draft final findings and recommendations of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. **Note:** Copies of the draft final report of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force may be obtained from the following internet address <http://www.hr.doe.seab> or by contacting the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092.

**NAME:** Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 19, 2000, 1:30 p.m.—3 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Participants may call the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 to reserve a teleconference line and receive a call-in number. Public participation is welcomed. However, the number of teleconference lines are limited and are available on a first come basis.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Louise Wagner, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) The engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

#### Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 19, 2000

- 1:30 p.m.—1:40 p.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks—Dr. John McTague, NIF Task Force Chairman

1:40 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Overview of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force's Interim Findings and Recommendations—Dr. John McTague, NIF Task Force Chairman

2:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Public Comment Period

2:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. NIF Task Force Review & Comment and Action—Dr. John McTague, NIF Task Force Chairman

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change.

**Public Participation:** In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its open teleconference meeting, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Mary Louise Wagner, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved.

**Minutes:** A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the open teleconference meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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