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DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order No. EA-191. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-191 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity," from the Regulatory Info menu, and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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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—biobased products industry education initiative.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Industrial Technologies, is seeking applications from private and public institutions of higher learning to promote multidisciplinary education and training programs for graduate students at the Masters or Ph.D. levels in the area of biobased products.

The emerging biobased products industry uses crops, trees, residues, and wastes to make chemicals and a large range of everyday consumer goods, like plastics, paints and adhesives. Contributions to this new industry would come from a wide range of traditional academic programs including: biology, molecular and micro-biology, genomics, plant physiology, fermentation sciences, agronomy, crop production, forestry, chemistry, chemical engineering and other engineering disciplines, and polymer and material science. These

examples are cited for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to limit the academic programs to just those listed. This solicitation seeks to encourage the widest possible range of creative approaches.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. MDT January 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Marshall Garr [DE-PS07-00ID13962], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marshall Garr, Contract Specialist, at garrmc@id.doe.gov, telephone (208) 526-1536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of this new education initiative is to produce graduates who can enter the complex biobased products industry and effectively integrate knowledge from the wide range of technologies that are necessary for this industry to grow. U.S. universities and colleges are encouraged to design a comprehensive, multidisciplinary curriculum to achieve such a goal from an educational perspective and simultaneously allow the student to gain a hands-on experience through the implementation of an individual relevant research program. It is expected that the student, under the major professor's tutelage will conduct a research program that will make substantive contributions to the biobased products industry. It is encouraged for the students to interact with industry in their academic and research program.

Graduates will eventually be expected to contribute to improving the efficient utilization of energy in this new industry and enhancing the environmental quality of the surrounding land, air and water.

The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research & Development Act of 1974 (Pub L. 93-577). DOE anticipates approximately 4-5 grant awards will be made for up to \$125,000 each a year for a maximum of three years in duration. These grants will cover both the costs for establishing a new cross-cutting academic and research program in this field as well as full stipends for 2 or so deserving graduate students at the Masters or Ph.D. level. The awards will be used for the academic year starting in the fall of 2001.

The issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-01ID14037 will be November 27, 2000. The solicitation will be

available in full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/psd/proc-div.html>. Technical and non-technical questions should be submitted in writing to Marshall Garr by e-mail garrmc@id.doe.gov, or facsimile at 208-526-5548 no later than December 12, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Supporting Industries

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

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 reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of two or more of the following Industry of the Future Sectors: Aluminum, Steel, Forest Products, Glass, Agriculture, Chemicals, Metal Casting, Mining, and Petroleum Refining. The research is to address research priorities identified in Technology Roadmaps developed for the following Supporting Industries: Heat Treating, Forging, Welding, Industrial Process Heating and Advanced Ceramics.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-01ID14026 will be on or about November 20, 2000. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on February 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html> or <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Applications should be submitted to: Seb Klein, 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: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinsm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974