

Responses: 55.

Burden Hours: 3,300.

**Abstract:** Chapter 1 authorizes financial assistance to States for providing, expanding and improving the provision of independent living services, to develop and support Statewide networks of Centers for Independent Living (CILs), to improve working relationships among State Independent Living Services (SILS) programs, CILs, Statewide Independent Living Councils, programs funded under other titles of the Act, and other programs that address issues relevant to individuals with disabilities funded by Federal and non-Federal authorities.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address [Sheila\\_Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila_Carey@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically

mailed to the internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: January 23, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* FRSS 78: Classes that Serve Children Prior to Kindergarten in U.S. Public Schools.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 10,161.

Burden Hours: 7,621.

**Abstract:** This survey is submitted under the system clearance for Quick Response Information System (QRIS) surveys (that covers the Fast Response Survey System, also known as FRSS). It meets the conditions of that clearance: short, policy-relevant, one-time surveys that go to a small sample. This survey is designed to learn about the extent to which programs exist in public schools to serve primarily 3- and 4-year-old children before they begin kindergarten. It contains questions about whether these programs are full- or part-day; whether the programs are designed to

meet the needs of special needs children (those with disabilities or limited English proficiency) or for all students; questions about whether other services are offered, such as meals and transportation; and questions about sources of funding for these programs; and finally questions about teacher characteristics.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Notice of Schedule Change for Preparing the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relocation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Technical Area 18 Missions

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of schedule change.

**SUMMARY:** On May 2, 2000, the Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Relocation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Technical Area 18 (TA-18) (hereafter that EIS will be referred to as the TA-18 EIS) (65 FR 25472). In that notice, the NNSA indicated that the TA-18 EIS process was scheduled to be completed by January 2001. The purpose of this notification is to inform the public that the schedule for completing the TA-18 EIS has changed. The NNSA now projects that the EIS process will not be completed before September 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** General questions concerning the TA-18 Project can be asked by calling 1-800-832-0885, ext. 6-5484, or by writing to: Mr. Jay Rose, Document Manager, TA-18 Relocation EIS, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the NNSA National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: Mr. Henry Garson, NEPA Compliance Officer for Defense Programs, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 30470. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 11, 2000, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced that the NNSA would begin preparation of an EIS on the proposed transfer to another location of TA-18's capabilities and up to approximately 2 tons of special nuclear materials. In the Notice of Intent, published on May 2, 2000, the NNSA solicited comments on the proposed scope of the TA-18 EIS from the public and conducted public scoping meetings as follows: May 18, 2000, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; May 23, 2000, in North Las Vegas, Nevada; May 25, 2000, in Idaho Falls, ID; and May 30, 2000, in Espanola, New Mexico.

Due primarily to budget constraints, funding for the TA-18 EIS was not available during the summer of 2000 and the schedule for completing the TA-18 EIS began to slip. The events associated with the Cerro Grande fire at LANL (see 65 FR 120, June 21, 2000) further disrupted TA-18 planning activities and added to the schedule slip. The revised EIS schedule is as follows:

Issue Draft EIS—May 2001

Draft EIS Public Hearings—June 2001

Issue Final EIS—August 2001

Record of Decision—September 2001

There have been no significant changes to the TA-18 EIS scope or alternatives, as described in the original TA-18 EIS Notice of Intent.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 18th day of January 2001.

**T.J. Glauthier,**

*Deputy Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of competitive financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) 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 proposed research and development (R&D) applications must address priorities of at least three out of the four key barrier areas; Plant Sciences, Production, Processing, and Utilization, as identified in the *Technology Roadmap for Plant/Crop-Based Renewable Resources 2020*.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 p.m. MST March 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The formal solicitation document will be disseminated electronically as Solicitation Number DE-PS07-01ID14039, Agriculture Industry of the Future Program, through the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) located at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. IIPS provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. Individuals who have the authority to enter their company into a legally binding contract/agreement and intend to submit proposal/applications via the IIPS system must register and receive confirmation that they are registered prior to being able to submit an application on the IIPS system. An IIPs "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained by going to the IIPS Homepage at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov> and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at [IIPS\\_Help\\_Desk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_Help_Desk@e-center.doe.gov)

[center.doe.gov](http://center.doe.gov) or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Richardson, Contract Specialist, at [richarem@id.doe.gov](mailto:richarem@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research & Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The applications must link the R&D in each of the barrier areas selected, in an integrated and crosscutting approach, to achieve overall project objectives. (Two examples of such crosscutting efforts can be found on p. 25 and p. 26 overlaid on Figures 13 and 14 in the *Technology Roadmap for Plant/Crop-Based Renewable Resources 2020*.) This will require a multi-disciplinary collaboration. Multi-partner collaborations between industrial companies, growers, universities, non-profit groups and National Laboratories are encouraged. A minimum of two partners is required, with at least one being an industrial company. DOE anticipates making approximately 3 to 5 awards with total estimated DOE funding of up to \$1.5 M per award per year, each with a duration of approximately 3-5 years.

Issued in Idaho Falls on January 16, 2001.

**R. Jeffrey Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory

#### Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation, DE-PS26-01NT41114, and award financial assistance (Cooperative Agreements) for the program entitled "Supporting Science and Enabling Technologies for Clean Fuels." Through this solicitation, the DOE/NETL seeks applications on behalf of the DOE's Office of Fossil Energy.

The DOE/NETL, by way of the Federal Financial Assistance application process, is seeking proposals for cost-shared research and development projects that will lead to advanced clean