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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.184H]

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities—National Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice reopening application
deadline date.

SUMMARY: The Secretary reopens the
deadline date for the submission of
applications for the Grant Competition
to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and
Violent Behavior Among College
Students. The Secretary takes this action
because certain potential applicants
may have been affected by severe
weather-related occurrences that
precluded them from submitting their
applications before the originally
announced application deadline date.
The reopening is intended to help these
potential applicants compete fairly with
other applicants under this program.

Background: On December 27, 2000,
the Department published a combined
notice inviting applications for new
awards for direct grant competitions
under Safe and Drug-Free Schools and
Communities National Programs (65 FR
82222). That notice set February 16,
2001, as the deadline date for the
submission of applications under Grant
Competition to Prevent High-Risk
Drinking and Violent Behavior Among
College Students.

DATES: The new application deadline
date is March 23, 2001. The deadline for
intergovernmental review remains April
16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Safe
and Drug-Free Schools Program, U.S.
Department of Education, 400 Maryland
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-
6123. Telephone: (202) 260-3954.
Individuals who use a
telecommunication device for the deaf
(TDD) may call the Federal Information
Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339.

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

Dated: March 15, 2001.

Thomas M. Corwin,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of Financial Assistance Solicitation

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of a
financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the
intent to issue Financial Assistance
Solicitation No. DE-PS26-01NT41130
entitled "Biomass Research and
Development: Advance Biomass Power
Generation Technologies". The Office of
Biopower and Hydropower
Technologies of the Department of
Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy
Efficiency and Renewable Energy
(EERE) is supporting the issuance of this
solicitation.

Pursuant to guidance contained in the
Biomass Research and Development Act
of 2000, this Solicitation will support
the development of advanced biomass
power systems offering to diversify the
range of products that can be efficiently
and cost-competitively produced from
biomass by encouraging the co-
production of power and heat as an
integrated component of biomass
processing. These systems are to be
predominantly based on advanced
biomass gasification technologies and
may incorporate related research in
advanced turbine and stationary fuel
cell technology for production of
electricity from biomass.

The DOE recognizes that technologies
which efficiently convert biomass into
bio-based industrial products such as
heat and power offer outstanding
potential benefit to the national interest
through: (A) Improved strategic security
and balance of payments; (B) promotion
of rural economic development; (C)
improved environmental quality; (D)
near-zero net greenhouse gas emissions;
(E) technology export; and (F)
diversification of energy resource
options. However, key technical
challenges remain to be overcome in
order for biomass conversion
technologies to be cost-competitive.
Among these are developing new
integrated processes that show promise
for reducing cost and increasing
efficiency.

The relatively lengthy time and risks
associated with the development and
integration of new biomass power
systems, based on advanced gasification
technologies may make it difficult for
the private sector to justify the sustained
investment necessary. However the
National benefits of such systems are

driving the DOE's effort to support pre-
commercial R&D directed towards
Advanced Biomass Power Systems
development.

Since DOE does not intend to issue a
draft of the subject solicitation,
prospective applicants are invited to e-
mail any comments and/or questions
associated with the "need" area(s)
identified in this announcement. Please
submit all comments/questions to Ms.
Donna Jaskolka via the Internet at
jaskolka@netl.doe.gov by COB March
21, 2001.

DATES: The solicitation will be available
on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at
<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or
about March 30, 2001. It is anticipated
that the closing date for receipt of
proposals will be on or about May 31,
2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Energy, National Energy Technology
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107, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A primary
objective of the Office of Biopower and
Hydropower Technologies is to support
pre-commercial research that develops
technologies for the production of
power, heat and other valuable by-
products from biomass. The specific
objective of Program Solicitation DE-
PS26-01NT41130 is to support new
approaches to improve gasification-
based technologies for power, heat and
co-production. The ultimate intent of
the DOE is for the development team to
package the advanced power generation
systems developed under this
solicitation for high volume regional
and/or National commercial sales.
Program emphasis is on the
development of advanced power
generation systems that can meet the
following program objectives:

Load: Baseload power generation with
a nominal annual capacity factor of
85%.

Size: It is not the intention of DOE to
be prescriptive in this area. While
studies seem to suggest that a nominal
size of 20MW may be well suited to
match local biomass resource
availability, upper limits on plant size
are flexible. A lower limit of 5MW is set
to preclude programmatic duplication.

Costs of Power: The proposer must
demonstrate that the cost of power is
competitive in individual
circumstances.

Efficiency: For plants under 100MW,
a total power production efficiency of at

least 35% with the clear potential to evolve to 45%. Co-production facilities must have the capability of attaining 60% thermal efficiency. Plants larger than 100MW must be capable of achieving 45% efficiency.

Airborne Emissions: Emissions shall not be greater than one-half the amount allowed by current New Source Performance Standards for coal-fired electric power generating stations, or local regulations where system deployment is being considered.

Solid Wastes: All solid wastes must be benign with regard to disposal. Preference will be given to concepts in which solid waste generation is minimized through the production of usable by-products.

Acceptable Fuels: The ultimate goal is the development of advanced power generation systems in which biomass is the predominant fuel (> 95 percent of heat input). Initial commercial systems capable of utilizing biomass as the primary fuel (> 65 percent of heat input) are acceptable, so long as such initial systems are capable of evolving to configurations in which biomass would be the predominant fuel. However, preference will be given to initial systems in which biomass provides greater than the minimum acceptable level of heat input, provided that the proposers can demonstrate that there is no substantial increase in technical risk. Blending of gasification products with other gaseous fuels (e.g. natural gas, propane, etc.) in order to enhance the system's reliability and cost performance may be considered.

Biomass Fuel Flexibility: Given the tremendous variation in the compositional characteristics across the many biomass families (e.g., woods, herbaceous crops, manures, etc.), it is recognized that a single power system may not be appropriate to utilize all biomass. Accordingly, the R&D proposed and performed as a result of this solicitation may address a specific but significant subset of available biomass.

Performance Attributes: Preference will be given to concepts that allow load-following with minimal degradation of efficiency, and that are amenable to construction using factory assembled modular components based upon standard designs.

Note: Biomass refers to plant materials and/or animal waste used as a source of fuel. Animal Waste refers to the manure produced and any associated bedding material mixed within the manure and excludes animal processing waste. *Unsegregated Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), hazardous waste, and medical waste will not be considered to be biomass.* Segregated MSW is an acceptable

fuel for this solicitation and would include non-recyclable paper and non-treated wood waste. There is no interest in receiving applications for aerobic or anaerobic digesters, landfill gas, or animal gas production.

It is not the intent of this solicitation to accelerate R&D on advanced power generation systems that are already being developed within this or other DOE power systems R&D programs. However the use of other advanced power systems components being developed by DOE's Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE), and Fossil Energy (FE) (e.g., turbines, fuel cells, gas cleaning, membranes, catalysts, etc.) as part of the overall process is allowable and encouraged if consistent with the objectives of the solicitation. Collaboration with other EE or FE participants is encouraged to maximize project effectiveness. Multi-disciplinary teams consisting of partners having significant expertise related to biomass supply issues and resource utilization, technology developers, and equipment manufacturers, energy service companies or A&E firms servicing the power industry, or power markets, and power generating companies are strongly encouraged to propose. Applications submitted by or on behalf of (1) another Federal agency; (2) a Federally Funded Research and Development Center sponsored by another Federal agency; or (3) a Department of Energy (DOE) Management and Operating (M&O) contractor will not be eligible for award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a DOE M&O contractor will be evaluated and may be considered for award subject to the provisions to be set forth in Program Solicitation DE-PS26-01NT41130 (NOTE: The limit on participation by an M&O contractor for an individual project under this solicitation cannot exceed 20% of the total project cost).

Applicants that are seeking financial assistance under this solicitation are subject to the eligibility requirements of Section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct); further guidance will be included in the Program Solicitation. DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (cooperative agreement) awards with a project performance period of up to six (6) months. Projects resulting from this Announcement are considered research and development projects.

Approximately \$1,000,000 of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation. DOE has determined that a minimum cost share of twenty percent (20%) of the total estimated project cost is

required; details of the cost sharing requirement and the specific funding levels will be contained in the program solicitation.

Prospective applicants should routinely access the NETL Electronic Business Center at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit/index.html>. Please note that the "Business Alert Registration/Notification" is not currently functional, and cannot be relied upon for electronic notification of availability of the solicitation. Telephone requests, written requests, e-mail requests or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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Dale A. Siciliano,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, April 4, 2001; 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Community Room of the Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197, fax: 702-295-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.