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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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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.

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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.

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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