

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 December 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Karen—F. Lee@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: November 21, 2001.

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**Office of Elementary and Secondary
Education**

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Criteria for Distribution of the \$225 Million FY 2001 Appropriation For School Improvement.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 832.

Abstract: To receive funds provided for school improvement in the FY 2001 appropriation, a State must submit information on the use of FY 2000 school improvement funds including (1) the names of the districts and schools that received FY 2000 funds and the allocation they received, (2) a description of the interventions that districts and schools have used to increase student achievement, (3) the number of students who transferred out of low-performing schools in districts receiving the FY 2000 school improvement funds as a result of the transfer requirement in the statute, and (4) the number of school districts receiving school improvement funds that subsequently met the State's adequate yearly progress targets.

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.RIMG@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 Kathy Axt at (540) 776-7742 or via her internet address *Kathy.Axt@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 ENERGY

Oakland Operations Office; Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS03-02SF22467 and Program Announcement LAB-NE-2002-1, Nuclear Energy Research Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE), Oakland Operations Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office intends to issue a Solicitation and a Program Announcement on or about November 20, 2001, seeking applications/proposals for innovative scientific and engineering research and development in the field of nuclear energy as part of the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI). NERI is designed to support promising research to address the principal technical and scientific obstacles to future use of nuclear power in the U.S.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Berry, Contract Specialist, Financial Assistance Center, U. S. Department of Energy, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, California 94612-5208; telephone (510) 637-1873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Solicitation is intended for applications from U.S. universities or other institutions of higher learning, industry, non-profit and R&D organizations and collaborations among organizations, including those in which DOE national laboratories are participating, but not as the lead organization. A separate Program Announcement is being issued simultaneously for proposals in which a DOE national laboratory participates as the sole or performing lead organization.

The fields of research include: (1) Advanced Nuclear Energy Systems; (2) Fuel Recycling Technologies; (3) Advanced Nuclear Fuel and (4) Fundamental Science.

Up to a total of \$10 million of Government Fiscal Year 2002 Federal funds are expected to be available for awards under this Solicitation and the complementary Program Announcement to DOE national laboratories. Typical funding of individual awards is expected to be in the range of \$200,000 to \$450,000 per year. Collaborative research projects involving two or more organizations may receive larger awards, where merited. The period of performance for individual projects is expected to be one to three years.

The Nuclear Energy Research Initiative will be conducted under the authority of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2002, Public Law 107-66; the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 81.121; and the applicable DOE Financial Assistance Regulations at 10 CFR part 600.

There have been changes made to the submittal procedures for applications/proposals responding to the NERI Solicitation and Program Announcement for Fiscal Year 2002.