

Dated: February 6, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS36-02GO92001]

Industrial Assessment Centers Field Manager

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) is seeking applications for the Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) Program Technical Field Manager. The IAC program enables eligible small and medium-sized manufacturers to have comprehensive industrial assessments performed at no cost to the manufacturer. Teams of engineering faculty and students from the Centers, located at 26 universities around the country, conduct energy audits or industrial assessments and provide recommendations to manufacturers to help them identify opportunities to improve productivity, reduce waste, and save energy. These Centers are selected under a separate DOE solicitation and administered through individual cooperative agreements directly with DOE. The IAC program is guided by technical field management working under policy guidelines established by DOE. This procurement will be for one technical field manager to assist DOE in monitoring and managing the program nationally. For further information on the IAC program visit www.oit.doe.gov/iac.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the solicitation on or about February 1, 2002. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on or about 3:00 pm Mountain Time on March 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document will be disseminated electronically as Solicitation Number DE-PS36-02GO92001, Industrial Assessment Center Field Manager, 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 proposals/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 URL noted above and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Damm, Contract Specialist, at go_iac@nrel.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The field management organization sought in this solicitation will: (1) Provide coordination and technical facilitation of the 26 schools (Centers) participating in the IAC Program; (2) monitor the technical performance of each individual center and provide for technical training and support; (3) integrate and coordinate the IAC program with the mission and broader activities of the Office of Industrial Technologies; (4) revamp existing IAC database; and (5) maintain the new IAC database.

The Golden Field Office has been assigned the responsibility of issuing the solicitation and administering the award. DOE will award one cooperative agreement as a result of this solicitation. The award will be incrementally funded. The initial budget period will be one year, with the possibility of 4 one-year continuations depending upon availability of funds and satisfactory performance. Estimated funding for the first year is \$1,000,000.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on January 22, 2002.

Jerry Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS07-02ID14280]

Steel Industries of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation for awards of financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost shared research and development (R&D) processes which will enable the commercial deployment of several emerging ironmaking technologies in the U.S.A. within the next six years. The goal is to provide the domestic steel with additional alternative quality ironmaking capacity that is less dependent on the availability of coke. This solicitation targets ironmaking processes that displace coke with coal, natural gas, and other reductants/fuels.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14280 will be on or about February 4, 2002. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 15, 2002, at 3 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation will be available in its full text on the Internet by going to the DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. This will provide the medium for disseminating solicitations and amendments to solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then click on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_Motor Carrier Fuel Cost Equity Act;HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trudy Harmel, Contract Specialist at harmelta@id.doe.gov, or Dallas L. Hoffer, Contracting Officer at hofferdl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Steel Technology Roadmap can be found at <http://www.steel.org/mt/roadmap/roadmap.htm>. Approximately \$3,000,000 in federal funds is expected to be available to fund the first year of selected research projects. Subject to the availability of funds, it is anticipated that equivalent funds should be available for the subsequent years. DOE anticipates making 2 to 3 cooperative agreement awards, each with a duration of three years or less. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects over the life of the project. First year cost share can be as low as 30% if subsequent years have sufficient cost share so that non-federal share totals at least 50%. Multi-partner collaborations among steel companies, equipment suppliers and/or engineering firms is

mandatory. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577).

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on February 4, 2002.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-2A-001 FERC Form No. 2-A]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

February 4, 2002.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from a single entity who supported the continued use of this information collection. These comments were in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of October 2, 2001 (66 FR.50178). The Commission has acknowledged these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20503. The Desk Officer may also be reached at (202)395-7318. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)208-1415, by fax at (202)208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC Form 2-A "Annual Report for Nonmajor Natural Gas Companies".

2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. Control No.: OMB No. 1902-0030. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, without any changes to the existing collection. There is an decrease in the reporting burden due to an adjustment in the number of entities who are now subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and as a result must submit this annual report. In addition, the availability of Form 2-A submission software for filers for the 2001 filing year, will the Commission believes, reduce the burden as respondents benefit from user support at the Commission and from filing the FERC Form 2-A electronically through the Commission's gateway on its web site. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. Necessity of Collection of Information: Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Natural Gas Act(NGA). Under the NGA the Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 2-A is designed to collect financial information from jurisdictional nonmajor natural gas companies. A "nonmajor" natural gas company is one that has combined gas sales for resale and has gas transported or stored for a fee that exceeds 200,000 Dth but which is less than 50 million Dth, in each of the three previous calendar years. Under the Form 2-A, the Commission investigates, collects and records data, and prescribes rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary to administer the NGA.

Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 53 companies

subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. Estimated Burden: 1,590 total burden hours, 53 respondents, 1 response annually, 30 hours per response (average).

7. Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents: 1,590 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$ 89,469 average cost per respondent = \$1,688.

Statutory Authority: Sections 10 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717i-717o.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-73-001 FERC Form No. 73]

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SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from a single entity who supported the continued use of this information collection. These comments were in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of September 28, 2001 (66 FR.49654). The Commission has acknowledged these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory