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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

Purpose of Program: The Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) is designed to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific careers.

Eligibility for Grants: Under section 361 of Title III of the Higher Education Act as amended (HEA), the following entities are eligible to receive a grant under the MSEIP:

(1) Public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education that:

- (A) Award baccalaureate degrees; and
- (B) Are minority institutions;

(2) Public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education that:

- (A) Award associate degrees; and
- (B) Are minority institutions that:

(i) Have a curriculum that includes science or engineering subjects; and

(ii) Enter into a partnership with public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees in science and engineering;

(3) Nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, and institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees, that:

- (A) Provide a needed service to a group of minority institutions; or
- (B) Provide in-service training for project directors, scientists, and engineers from minority institutions; or

(4) Consortia of organizations that provide needed services to one or more minority institutions, the membership of which may include:

(A) Institutions of higher education that have a curriculum in science or engineering;

(B) Institutions of higher education that have a graduate or professional program in science or engineering;

(C) Research laboratories of, or under contract with, the Department of Energy;

(D) Private organizations that have science or engineering facilities; or

(E) Quasi-governmental entities that have a significant scientific or engineering mission.

Eligible Applicants: (a) For institutional, design, and special projects described in 34 CFR 637.12, 637.13 and 637.14, respectively, public

and private nonprofit minority institutions of higher education as defined in sections 361(1) and (2) of the HEA.

(b) For special projects described in 34 CFR 637.14(b) and (c): nonprofit organizations, institutions, and consortia as defined in section 361(3) and (4) of the HEA.

(c) For cooperative projects described in 34 CFR 637.15: groups of nonprofit accredited colleges and universities whose primary fiscal agent is an eligible minority institution as defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b).

Note: 1. A minority institution is defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b) as an accredited college or university whose enrollment of a single minority group or combination of minority groups exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment.

Applications Available: February 11, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 29, 2002.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 29, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: \$8,500,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$15,000-\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: The amounts referenced are advisory and represent the Department's best estimate at this time. The average size of an award is the estimate for a single-year project or for the first budget period of a multi-year project.

Institutional Projects

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000-\$300,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$120,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 16.

Design Projects

Estimated Range of Awards: \$15,000-\$20,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$19,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 2.

Special Projects

Estimated Range of Awards: \$20,000-\$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$75,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8.

Cooperative Projects

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000-\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$280,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 4.

Estimated Total Number of Awards: 30.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Applicants should

periodically check MSEIP web site for further information on this program. The address is: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/ides/mseip.html>.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 637.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

Applicability of Executive Order 13202: Applicants that apply for construction funds under these programs must comply with the Executive Order 13202 signed by President Bush on February 17, 2001 and amended on April 26, 2001. This Executive order provides that recipients of Federal construction funds may not "require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other construction project(s)" or "otherwise discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors for becoming or refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other construction project(s)." However, the Executive order does not prohibit contractors or subcontractors from voluntarily entering into these agreements.

Projects funded under this program that include construction activity will be provided a copy of this Executive order and will be asked to certify that they will adhere to it.

Application Procedures

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In Fiscal Year 2002, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Minority Science and

Engineering Improvement Program, CFDA 84.120A is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in the e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is strictly voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You may submit all grant documents electronically including the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (OMB No. 1840-0109), Project Summary Page, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (OMB No. 1840-0109) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (OMB No. 1840-0109) from the e-APPLICATION system.
2. Make sure the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).
4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (OMB No. 1840-0109).
5. Fax the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (OMB No. 1840-0109) to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the MSEIP at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

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INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Waters or Ms. Deborah Newkirk, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8516. Telephone: (202) 502-7586 for Mr. Waters and for Ms. Newkirk, (202) 502-7591. FAX: (202) 502-7861, or via Internet: ken.waters@ed.gov, deborah.newkirk@ed.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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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

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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_MotorCarrierFuelCostEquityAct@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