

The goal of this solicitation is to provide solutions to issues that are limiting domestic on-shore or off-shore production while providing the same or higher levels of environmental protection. These air quality and produced water management issues are limiting domestic production by restricting additional development or by adding costs that cause operators to abandon existing wells while substantial recoverable reserves remain in the ground.

The issues listed above are multi-faceted problems. In many cases, the overall solution may vary by region or may require several separate steps to resolve completely. Selected projects are expected to describe the overall problem and the region or regions affected as well as describing how the proposed project fits into the overall solution. Selected projects are also expected to describe as completely as possible the impact that the project will have on increasing or maintaining domestic production. The description of the production impact should discuss in detail the resource affected and the amount of domestic production that can be added or maintained as a result of the successful completion of the project.

DOE anticipates awarding approximately three (3) to seven (7) financial assistance (i.e., Cooperative Agreements) with a project performance period no less than one year in length and up to three years in length. Approximately \$7.0 million of DOE funding is planned over a 3-year period for this solicitation. DOE has determined the 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.

This solicitation will be targeted for unrestricted competition. However, 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 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-PS26-02NT15373.

**Note:** The limit on participation by an M&O contractor for an individual project under this solicitation cannot exceed 25% of the total project cost.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS-HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS-HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. 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.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on February 5, 2002.

**Dale A. Siciliano,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### Million Solar Roofs Initiative Small Grant Program For State And Local Partnerships

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications from State and Local Partnerships under the Million Solar Roofs (MSR) Program. DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy will consider proposals from interested State and Local Partnerships to help fund their MSR program development and implementation activities. Applications from State Partnerships are encouraged to apply

under the MSR Small Grant Program for State Partnerships. For information on the MSR Small Grant Program for State Partnerships, refer to the State Energy Programs Solicitation for Fiscal Year 2002 Special Projects at [http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/state\\_energy/corner\\_cafe/special\\_projects.html](http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/state_energy/corner_cafe/special_projects.html). The MSR Small Grant Program for State Partnerships is Section 6.57 of the downloadable PDF Special Projects Solicitation.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be issued mid February 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the solicitation will be accessible through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html> under "Solicitations." The Golden Home Page will provide direct access to the solicitation and provide instructions on using the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) web site. The solicitation can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov/> by browsing opportunities by Program Office for those solicitations issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue hard copies of the solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James McDermott, Contract Specialist, at 303-275-4732 or electronically at [jim\\_mcdermott@nrel.gov](mailto:jim_mcdermott@nrel.gov). Responses to questions will be made by Amendment to the Solicitation and posted on the DOE IIPS website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy's MSR Initiative is an initiative to support State and Local Partnerships who agree to install solar energy systems on one million buildings in the United States (U.S.) by 2010. This effort includes two types of solar energy technology: (1) solar electric (photovoltaic) systems that produce electricity from sunlight, and (2) solar thermal systems panels that produce heat for domestic hot water, for space heating or for heating swimming pools. The Partnerships bring together business, government and community organizations at the regional level with a commitment to install a pre-determined number (at least 500) of solar energy systems.

There were fifty-seven such existing partnerships under the MSR Initiative, as of October 1, 2001. They received their MSR Partnership designation by writing a letter of commitment to DOE with their goal for actual installations by 2010. In return, DOE provides access to: training and technical assistance from DOE; recognition, outreach tools, support; and opportunities to interface with other partnerships, solar energy

businesses, associations and related industries that can provide assistance (via national and regional Million Solar Roofs meetings). New MSR Partnerships can declare their intent to join the Initiative by including such a letter with their application for this solicitation. A complete description of partnerships and their representative activities can be found on the MSR website at <http://www.MillionSolarRoofs.org>.

Applications under the solicitation must further the work of State and Local Partnerships, including partners in the building industry, state and local governments, utilities, the solar energy industry, financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, to remove market barriers to solar energy use and to develop and strengthen local demand for solar energy products and applications. There are two types of grants available: Phase 1—New Partnership grants, and Phase 2—Meeting the Commitment grants. Only one application may be submitted per partnership in one or the other of the categories, but not both. Partnerships that have been awarded prior MSR partnership grants in the past may not apply for a Phase 1—New Partnership grant. Newly formed or existing partnerships that have not received prior MSR grants may apply for a Phase 1—New Partnership grant. Any partnership with the prerequisites may apply for a Phase 2—Meeting the Commitment grant.

The project or activity must be conducted in a designated MSR State and Local Partnership area. There is no cost sharing requirement for these grants, although cost sharing will be one of the criteria considered. Subject to the availability of funds, multiple awards for a total of \$1,000,000 (DOE funding) in Fiscal Year 2002 are anticipated as a result of this Solicitation. The selected applicants will receive financial assistance under a grant. DOE will fund up to \$50,000 per project. DOE anticipates funding approximately 20 to 30 grants in the amount of \$10,000 to \$50,000 each.

Solicitation number DE-PS36-02GO92005 will include complete information on the program, including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting applications for funding. No pre-application conference is planned. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for mid February 2002, with applications due 45 days after the solicitation has been issued.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on February 11, 2002.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### Renewable Energy Development On Tribal Lands

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for the development of renewable energy on Tribal lands. Through cooperative agreements, DOE intends to provide financial support to conduct feasibility studies and share in the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on Tribal lands. Under the solicitation, DOE is soliciting Applications from Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Corporations (hereafter referred to as "Tribes") to either: (1) conduct feasibility studies for the development of economically sustainable renewable energy installations on Tribal Lands; or (2) implement sustainable renewable energy development projects.

**DATES:** Issuance of the solicitation is planned for the end of February 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the solicitation, once it is issued, will be accessible through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html> under "Solicitations." The Golden Home Page will provide direct access to the solicitation and provide instructions on using the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. The solicitation can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov/> by browsing opportunities by Program Office for those solicitations issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue hard copies of the solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, via facsimile at 303-275-4788 or electronically at [ruth\\_adams@nrel.gov](mailto:ruth_adams@nrel.gov). Responses to questions will be made by amendment to the solicitation and posted on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE's Tribal Energy Program promotes tribal energy self-sufficiency and fosters employment and economic development on Tribal Lands through financial assistance to Native American Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations for feasibility studies and renewable energy development projects. Under this solicitation, DOE will be soliciting Applications from Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Corporations (hereafter referred to as "Tribes") to either: (1) conduct feasibility studies for the development of economically sustainable renewable energy installations on Tribal Lands; or (2) implement sustainable renewable energy development projects.

Eligible technologies under this solicitation include, but are not limited to the following: photovoltaic, concentrating solar power, solar thermal systems (*i.e.*, active or passive solar technologies for space or water heating, or power generation technologies), wind, biomass power, hydro, geothermal electric generation, geothermal resources for direct heating applications, and other renewable hybrid systems. Applications may include, but are not limited to, the use of renewable energy for: direct electrical generation, building uses, water pumping, or other grid connected or off-grid power uses.

DOE will only consider Applications from Federally-recognized Tribes on whose Tribal Lands the project will be located. Applications from a consortium of Tribes will be accepted but must be submitted by a single Tribe representing the consortium. A letter of commitment from an authorized representative of the Tribe (Chief, Governor, President, Chairperson or other representative able to commit the Tribe), as well as from each participating Tribe or project Participant, is required as a part of the Application. For Development Project Applications, a Tribal Council Resolution is preferable to a letter of commitment, but a letter of commitment accompanied by a plan and schedule to obtain a Resolution, will be accepted.

Awards under this solicitation will be cooperative agreements with terms of one to three years depending on the type and scope of the proposed project. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this solicitation will be approximately \$2,500,000. DOE anticipates selecting 10 to 15 Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Applications and 3 to 5 Renewable Energy Development Project Applications for negotiation toward Award. If funding is appropriated in the Government's Fiscal Year 2003 (October