

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by February 22, 2002. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review 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 10235, 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 Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Early Reading First Applicant Eligibility.

Abstract: The Early Reading First program will provide grants to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) and public and private organizations located in those LEAs to transform early education programs into centers of excellence to help young at-risk children achieve the language, cognitive, and early reading skills they need to succeed when they enter kindergarten. This notice sets eligibility standards and thresholds for LEAs on poverty, achievement, and school improvement status for the FY 2002 grant competition, and requests that States provide LEA data on achievement and schools in school improvement for the Department to use in identifying eligible LEAs.

Additional Information: The Department is seeking OMB approval on or before February 22, 2002, for an emergency paperwork collection for this information from the States for the Early Reading First program. This request is based upon the unanticipated delay in enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Administration's interest in awarding Early Reading First grants as soon as possible, and the public harm that otherwise might occur with delaying grant awards past December, 2002.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 156.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, vivian.reese@ed.gov, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact 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

[DE-PS07-02ID14264]

Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for the development of Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) to expand production from geothermal resources. For purposes of this solicitation, EGS are defined as engineered reservoirs created to extract heat from economically unproductive geothermal resources. The knowledge gained from this work will result in new and improved technology that will help meet the goals of the Geothermal Program. EGS projects are sought to improve reservoir productivity and lifetime through the application of either conventional or novel engineering techniques. The objective of this solicitation is to bring new geothermal resources into production using Enhanced Geothermal Systems for the purpose of generating electric power.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14264 is on or about February 14, 2002. The SF 424, and the technical application must have an IIPS transmission time stamp of not later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, March 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications are required to be submitted via the U. S. Department of Energy Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Dahl, Contract Specialist at dahlee@id.doe.gov, facsimile at (208) 526-5548, or by telephone at (208) 526-7214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$10,000,000 in federal funds will be made available over the next five to six fiscal years. Of that amount, about \$500,000 is expected to be available in fiscal year 2002 to fund one to two awards for the first budget year of the cooperative agreements stemming from this solicitation. DOE anticipates that Phase One of the award will run for approximately two budget periods and will include feasibility assessment, detailed conceptual design, field studies, and environmental approvals. Phase Two will involve construction and testing of the EGS. Phase Three is to construct permanent surface facilities including a power plant. Phase Four is to monitor reservoir and plant performance. During each phase, the Awardee must provide minimum non-federal cost share in the amounts specified as follows: Phase One—20%; Phase Two—40%; Phase Three—80%; Phase Four—100%. Only those who own, have valid leases, or legal access to unproductive geothermal properties in the U. S. and are capable of providing the necessary cost-share may submit proposals. Third party consulting groups may be part of the project team, but they are not eligible to submit proposals. National laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The statutory authority for this program is the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977, Public Law 95-238, Section 207, Public Law 101-218. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.087, Renewable Energy Research and Development.

Issued in Idaho Falls on February 14, 2002.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, March 6, 2002, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4401, Las Vegas, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Kozeliski, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, PO Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-2836, fax: 702-295-5300, e-mail kozeliskik@nv.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1. CAB members will discuss prioritization of environmental management projects for the FY 2004 federal budget submittal.

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kelly Kozeliski, at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Kelly Kozeliski at the address listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 19, 2002.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GP02-1-000]

Bowers Drilling Company, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

February 14, 2002.

Take notice that on January 3, 2002, Bowers Drilling Company, Inc. (Bowers) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting relief from its obligation to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) for the period from 1983 to 1988, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket No. RP97-369-000, et al.² Bowers' petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Bowers' request for relief is based on a March 17, 1992 take-or-pay settlement agreement with Williams. Bowers asserts the settlement agreement includes a release from all claims regarding its contracts with Williams, for all periods prior to 1992, including any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission claims arising out of, or in conjunction with, or relating to its contracts with Williams. In view of this, and because the claim for Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursement was taken into account when Bowers agreed to the settlement amount, Bowers contends that granting relief is warranted.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.1105 and 385.1106). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 3142(c) (1982).

² 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).