

achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality, and a secure national defense. RFFO intends to fund a series of grants in special emphasis programs to encourage programs to train Native American, African American, Hispanic American, Asian-Pacific American, Women and Disabled Students to pursue training in the fields of sciences and engineering; and to fund local community projects contributing to diversity-related programs.

DATES: Applications may be submitted by April 29, 2002. Applications received by April 29, 2002 will be considered; applications received after that date may or may not be considered depending on the status of proposal review and selection.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Contracts Management Division, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Nix, Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200, (303) 966-2054, for application forms and additional information. Completed applications or proposals must be sent to the addresses heading.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE RFFO is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications/proposals if an award is not made. If an award is made, such costs may be allowable as provided in the applicable cost principles.

Availability Of Fiscal Year 2001 Funds: With this publication; DOE RFFO is announcing the availability of up to \$300,000 in grant funds for fiscal year 2001. RFFO anticipates that four or less grants will be made for a total not-to-exceed \$300,000. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Projects may cover a period of up to 5 years. Funding for out-years is dependent on appropriation from Congress. Length of awards may vary by applicant.

Restricted Eligibility: Eligible applicants for the purposes of funding under this notice include organizations and institutions residing in Colorado proposing to implement minority science and engineering projects in Colorado as described in the summary section of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to propose project cost-sharing or sharing of in-kind services or resources. The awards

will be made through a competitive process to organizations and institutions located in the State of Colorado. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.116.

Evaluation Criteria: All responsive Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Department of Energy RFFO representatives. Successful proposal(s) will be selected on the opinion of panel members of proposals most able to meet the objectives best able to meet the needs of this office.

Proposals must demonstrate and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Implementation plan demonstrates experience, qualifications, capabilities, and resources necessary to successfully accomplish the proposed activities. (25%)

2. Exhibits sound administrative and financial management practices. (25%)

- Ability and willingness to perform all administrative requirements of the grant.
- The relationship between direct and indirect costs, and other financial aspects of the proposed grant, demonstrates sound financial practices.

- Cost effectiveness of projects.

3. Relationship of the proposed project to the objectives of the solicitation. (25%)

4. Qualifications of key personnel. (10%)

- Adequacy of availability and level of expertise of proposed personnel resources.

- Level of expertise of key personnel as demonstrated in resumes containing relevant education, training, and experience (resumes should include relevant project work previously conducted by individuals of the team).

5. Successful past performance of similar projects. (15%)

- Proposals lacking records of relevant past performance will receive a neutral score.

DOE RFFO hereby reserves the right to fund, in part or whole, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this request. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications. Applicants should allow approximately 90 days for DOE evaluation. The status of any application during the evaluation and selection process will not be discussed with applicants. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 21, 2002.

D. Elaine Nix,

Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Albuquerque Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation—Geothermal Resource Exploration and Definition II (GRED II).

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), Albuquerque Operations Office (AL), anticipates issuing Solicitation No. DE-SC04-02AL67912 for a second program on Geothermal Resource Exploration and Definition. This program is in support of the Geothermal Energy Program and has the primary objective of developing collaborative efforts to support the exploration and definition of new geothermal resources in geographically diverse regions with the objective of providing additional geothermal power. Projects may consist of up to three phases: (1) Phase I is Resource Evaluation and may include new exploration work to discover a probable geothermal resource and select a site for drilling a geothermal exploration well; (2) Phase II is Drilling and Characterization and consists of the drilling of a test well, logging and coring as appropriate, and initial testing of the well; (3) Phase III is Testing and Assessment and consists of long term flow and temperature tests in the well and final assessment of the site. Proposed projects are for up to three years and may begin at any phase, but documentation will be required for all three phases. One or more projects will be funded under the Fiscal Year 2002 funding level of up to \$600,000 with a maximum DOE cost share of 80%. Funding for subsequent years is dependent on Congressional appropriations and Departmental priorities.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on April 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erwin E. Fragua, Contract Specialist, DOE/AL, at (505) 845-6442 or by e-mail at efragua@doeal.gov. Fax number is (505) 845-5181/4210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The solicitation will be

available on the Internet at the following web site: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. All questions concerning this solicitation must be in writing and submitted to the specialist listed above.

Issued in Albuquerque, New Mexico March 21, 2002.

Martha L. Youngblood,

Contracting Officer, Complex Support Branch, Office of Contracts and Procurement.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. 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: Thursday, April 18, 2002, 5:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Don Seaborg, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration and waste management activities.

Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m.—Informal Discussion

6 p.m.—Call to Order; Introductions; Approve Minutes; Review Agenda

6:20 p.m.—DDFO's Comments; Action Items; Budget Update; ES&H Issues; CAB Recommendation Status; EM Project Updates

6:30 p.m.—Ex-officio Comments

6:40 p.m.—Public Comments and Questions

6:50 p.m. Break

7 p.m.—Presentations

- Site Wide Sediment Controls.
- Chairs Meeting Report.

7:30 p.m.—Break

7:40 p.m.—Task Force and Subcommittee Reports

- Groundwater Operable Unit.
- Surface Water Operable Unit.
- Waste Operations Task Force.

- Long Range Strategy/Stewardship.
- Community Concerns.
- Public Involvement, Nomination and Membership.

8:25 p.m.—Administrative Issues

- Review of Work Plan.
- Review of Next Agenda.
- Federal Coordinator Comments.
- Retreat Plans.

8:40 p.m.—Adjourn.

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 Pat J. Halsey at the address or by telephone at 1-800-382-6938, #5. Requests must be received five 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 as the first item of the meeting agenda.

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 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday thru Friday or by writing to Pat J. Halsey, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling her at 1-800-382-6938, #5.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket No. EE-RM/TP-02-001]

RIN 1904-AB12

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Refrigerators and Refrigerator-Freezers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of interim waiver.

SUMMARY: On August 3, 2001, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a **Federal Register** Notice granting an application for Interim Waiver to Electrolux Home Products (Electrolux) and published a Petition for Waiver from the DOE refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedure. In today's action, DOE is extending the interim waiver for 180 days, or until July 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Raymond at (202) 586-9611, E-mail: michael.raymond@ee.doe.gov, or Francine Pinto, Esq., (202) 586-7432, E-mail: Francine.Pinto@HQ.DOE.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 30, 2001, DOE issued an interim waiver from the DOE refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedure to Electrolux. (66 FR 40689). Pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(h), "an interim waiver will terminate 180 days after issuance or upon the determination on the Petition for Waiver, whichever occurs first. An interim waiver may be extended by DOE for 180 days. Notice of such extension and/or any modification of the terms or duration of the interim waiver shall be published in the **Federal Register**, and shall be based on relevant information contained in the record and any comments received subsequent to issuance of the interim waiver." The 180-day period for the interim waiver ended on January 26, 2002.

Since DOE intends to promptly amend its refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedures so as to eliminate any need for continuation of the waiver, DOE has determined that it is appropriate to grant an extension of the interim waiver to Electrolux for an additional 180 days, or until July 25, 2002. Before that date, DOE will publish a direct final rule amending the refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedure so as to permit all interested parties to calculate the long-time automatic defrost test period in the