

eliminating or avoiding program complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs, and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes: (a) discussion sessions on implementing the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and their impact on all Title IV programs, in particular, examining long-term issues that are central to the federal role of providing access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students, and (b) progress to date on distance education and Gear Up. In addition, the Committee will discuss its plans for the remainder of fiscal year 2000 and address other Committee business. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov or Tracy_Deanne_Jones@ED.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Monday, April 3, 2000.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Boston, Massachusetts on April 12, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m., and on April 13, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 601, Washington, DC from the hours of 9:00

a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Brian K. Fitzgerald,

Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: This notice is being issued under the authority of Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160). The Department is providing notice of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States of America and the Republic of South Africa.

This subsequent arrangement concerns the cropping and transfer of 49 U.S.-origin spent fuel elements consisting of 5700.1 grams of uranium, of which 4276.6 grams of the isotope U-235 is 90 percent enriched, from the Pelindaba Safari Reactor storage facility to the Thabana Pipe Storage facility for long-term storage. The transfer, cropping and storage of the 49 fuel elements will be done under IAEA supervision and will take no longer than 2 months to complete. The purpose of the transfer is to alleviate the shortage of storage space at the Pelindaba Safari Reactor facility.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

For the Department of Energy.

Trisha Dedik,

Director, International Policy and Analysis Division for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13909—Petroleum Industries Vision of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID), is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of the domestic downstream (refining) sector of the Petroleum Industry. The research is to address downstream (refining) research priorities identified by the Petroleum Industry in the areas of Energy and Process Efficiency, Materials and Inspection Technology and Environmental Performance.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of full applications is May 17, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U. S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Carol Van Lente [DE-PS07-00ID13909], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Van Lente, Contract Specialist, by facsimile at (208) 526-5548, e-mail: vanlenc1@id.doe.gov, or by telephone at (208) 526-1534, Dallas L. Hoffer, Contracting Officer at hofferdl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Petroleum Vision and Roadmap are located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/petroleum/>. Approximately \$2,250,000 of funding will be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 4 or more 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%. Collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13909 is on or about March 17, 2000. The solicitation is available in its full text via the