

ADDRESSES: General questions concerning the TA-18 Project can be asked by calling 1-800-832-0885, ext. 6-5484, or by writing to: Mr. Jay Rose, Document Manager, TA-18 Relocation EIS, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the NNSA National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: Mr. Henry Garson, NEPA Compliance Officer for Defense Programs, U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 30470. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 11, 2000, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced that the NNSA would begin preparation of an EIS on the proposed transfer to another location of TA-18's capabilities and up to approximately 2 tons of special nuclear materials. In the Notice of Intent, published on May 2, 2000, the NNSA solicited comments on the proposed scope of the TA-18 EIS from the public and conducted public scoping meetings as follows: May 18, 2000, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; May 23, 2000, in North Las Vegas, Nevada; May 25, 2000, in Idaho Falls, ID; and May 30, 2000, in Espanola, New Mexico.

Due primarily to budget constraints, funding for the TA-18 EIS was not available during the summer of 2000 and the schedule for completing the TA-18 EIS began to slip. The events associated with the Cerro Grande fire at LANL (see 65 FR 120, June 21, 2000) further disrupted TA-18 planning activities and added to the schedule slip. The revised EIS schedule is as follows:

Issue Draft EIS—May 2001

Draft EIS Public Hearings—June 2001

Issue Final EIS—August 2001

Record of Decision—September 2001

There have been no significant changes to the TA-18 EIS scope or alternatives, as described in the original TA-18 EIS Notice of Intent.

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T.J. Glauthier,

Deputy Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of competitive financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for innovative cost-shared research, development and demonstration of technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts in the emerging renewable bioproducts industry. The proposed research and development (R&D) applications must address priorities of at least three out of the four key barrier areas; Plant Sciences, Production, Processing, and Utilization, as identified in the *Technology Roadmap for Plant/Crop-Based Renewable Resources 2020*.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 p.m. MST March 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document will be disseminated electronically as Solicitation Number DE-PS07-01ID14039, Agriculture Industry of the Future Program, 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 proposal/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 following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov> and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_Help_Desk@e-center.doe.gov

center.doe.gov or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Richardson, Contract Specialist, at richarem@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research & Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The applications must link the R&D in each of the barrier areas selected, in an integrated and crosscutting approach, to achieve overall project objectives. (Two examples of such crosscutting efforts can be found on p. 25 and p. 26 overlaid on Figures 13 and 14 in the *Technology Roadmap for Plant/Crop-Based Renewable Resources 2020*.) This will require a multi-disciplinary collaboration. Multi-partner collaborations between industrial companies, growers, universities, non-profit groups and National Laboratories are encouraged. A minimum of two partners is required, with at least one being an industrial company. DOE anticipates making approximately 3 to 5 awards with total estimated DOE funding of up to \$1.5 M per award per year, each with a duration of approximately 3-5 years.

Issued in Idaho Falls on January 16, 2001.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory

Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation, DE-PS26-01NT41114, and award financial assistance (Cooperative Agreements) for the program entitled "Supporting Science and Enabling Technologies for Clean Fuels." Through this solicitation, the DOE/NETL seeks applications on behalf of the DOE's Office of Fossil Energy.

The DOE/NETL, by way of the Federal Financial Assistance application process, is seeking proposals for cost-shared research and development projects that will lead to advanced clean

fuels that: (1) Are derived from a diverse mix of secure energy resources; (2) enable mobile (ground, air, and marine) and stationary systems (e.g., home heating and industrial boilers) to comply with increasingly stringent Federal, state, and local emissions standards; (3) are compatible with existing liquid, and/or designed in concert with future, fuels infrastructures; (4) satisfy commercial and military requirements; (5) enable the efficiency of the transportation fleet to be more than doubled, and (6) are cost competitive with conventional fuels.

This solicitation seeks to create strategic partnerships targeted at the development and verification of advanced fuel-making processes that utilize stable fossil resources. These processes will enable the production of clean transportation fuels that improve the environment, while also expanding and diversifying the fossil resource base. This solicitation represents a major step toward establishing the scientific and engineering foundation on which the next generation of transportation fuel technologies will rest.

DATES: A draft Program Solicitation will be available on or about January 24, 2001. Comments and/or questions concerning the draft version must be submitted to, and received by the DOE Contract Specialist no later than February 23, 2001. The mailing and E-mail addresses are provided below.

ADDRESSES: The draft Program Solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit>. The final version of the solicitation along with all amendments will be posted at this same Internet address; applicants are therefore encouraged to periodically check this NETL address to ascertain the status of these documents. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the final version of this Program Solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry D. Gillham, MS: 921-118, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 626 Cochran's Mill Road, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, E-mail Address: gillham@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: (412) 386-5817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE anticipates award of multiple cost-sharing cooperative agreements; but the DOE reserves the right to award the agreement type and number deemed in its best interest. As required in Section 3002, Title XXX of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), offerors are advised that

mandatory 20% cost-share will be required for each project. Not all of the necessary funds are currently available for this solicitation; the Government's obligation under any cooperative agreement awarded is contingent upon the availability of appropriated FY2001 through FY2006 funds.

It is DOE's desire to encourage the widest participation including the involvement of small business concerns, and small disadvantaged business concerns. Multiple pre-solicitation workshops are planned. Information on the dates, times and locations of the pre-solicitation workshops may be found on the NETL website at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit/index.html>. In order to gain the necessary expertise to review proposals, non-Federal personnel may be used as evaluators or advisors in the evaluation of proposals.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on January 12, 2001.

Dale A. Siciliano,

Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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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, February 15, 2001; 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, KY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Sheppard, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, KY 42001, (270) 441-6804.

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

6:00 p.m.—Call to Order

6:10 p.m.—Approve Minutes

6:20 p.m.—Presentations

Board Response

Public Comments

8:00 p.m.—Subcommittee Reports

Board Response

Public Comments

8:30 p.m.—Administrative Issues

9:00 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 John D. Sheppard at the address or 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 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 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday thru Friday or by writing to John D. Sheppard, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6804.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 23, 2001.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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