

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS analyzed three disposal alternatives with respect to the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 676-acre (440 land acres and 236 submerged land acres) comprising the MOTBY: (1) the no action alternative, under which the property would be maintained in a caretaker status after closure; (2) the unencumbered alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property without encumbrances, such as environmental restrictions and easements; and (3) the encumbered disposal alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property with various environmental restrictions and easements, limiting the future use of the property.

In the ROD, the Army concludes that the FEIS adequately addresses the impacts of property disposal and documents its decision to transfer the property as encumbered. Possible encumbrances include: Covenants and restrictions pertaining to asbestos-containing material, lead-based paint, floodplains, future remedial activities after transfer, wetlands, easements and rights-of-way.

Dated: November 29, 2000.

**Raymond J. Fatz,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I&E).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 4, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting 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 [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: November 29, 2000.

**William Burrow,**

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

*Office of Educational Research and Improvement.*

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) Progress in International Reading Literacy Study.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 6,900, Burden Hours: 9,350.

*Abstract:* Information collected is used to assess the reading literacy skills, habits, and attitudes of approximately 6,000 4th-graders in 200 schools.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the

collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her internet address [Kathy\\_Axt@ed.gov](mailto: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

### Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 01-04; Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, Robotics and Intelligent Machines (RIM) Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting academic research grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), supports fundamental research in the natural sciences and engineering leading to new and improved energy technologies and to understanding and mitigating the environmental impacts of energy technologies. In keeping with its mission, the DOE hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Robotics and Intelligent Machines (RIM) Program. RIM is needed to develop cost-effective solutions to tasks relating to energy efficiency, safety, and security. Applications should be from investigators who are currently involved in basic research in this area, and should be submitted through an U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support fundamental research in Robotics and Intelligent Machines for the present and future needs of the Department of Energy.

**Restricted Eligibility:** Eligibility is restricted to academic research institutions. This is required by the Fiscal Year 2001, Congressional Budget for the DOE Office of Science, where it is stated "a new, university-based research effort in Robotics and Intelligent Machines will focus on sensors and sensor integration, remote operation and data acquisition, and controls."

**DATES:** Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief pre-application. DOE should receive all pre-applications, referencing Program Notice 01-04, by 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., January 2, 2001. A response to the pre-applications encouraging or discouraging a formal application will be communicated to the applicant

within approximately thirty days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., March 20, 2001, in order to be accepted for programmatic and merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** All pre-applications, referencing Program Notice 01-04, should be sent to Dr. Robert Price, Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, SC-131, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

After receiving notification from DOE encouraging submission of a formal application, applicants should send formal applications to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 01-04. This above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant. An original and 11 copies of the application must be submitted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robert Price, Program Manager, Engineering Sciences Program, Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, SC-131, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Telephone: (301) 903-3565, Facsimile: (301) 903-9513 or Internet E-mail address: [bob.price@science.doe.gov](mailto:bob.price@science.doe.gov). The full text of Program Notice 01-04 is available via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The emphasis of this program is on the engineering science developments that are needed for deployment of mobile intelligent machines with robust behavior and reduced complexity. Such systems are critically needed in a wide spectrum of settings in the Department of Energy, such as the extension of human capabilities to sense, perceive, and interact with phenomena at a distance or in hazardous or inaccessible locations along with improved information handling. Engineering science developments for the needs of improving the design and deployment of a team of mobile intelligent machines will be considered for funding under this program. Research topics include but are not limited to, scientifically ground breaking forefront investigations involving:

- Inherently distributed missions in dynamic, uncertain environments.
- Sensor integration for distributed RIM systems.
- Revolutionary collaborative research using remote and virtual systems.
- Intelligent machine concepts and controls methodologies for manipulative tasks.
- Improved operation and remote usage of SC strategic facilities to meet programmatic needs.

Additional information on RIM may be found by opening the following site on the World Wide Web: <http://www.rim.doe.gov/> or by doing a search on [rim.doe.gov](http://rim.doe.gov). If you are unable to get this information, contact Dr. Robert Price at 301-903-3565 or at his previously listed address and the information will be provided.

#### Program Funding

This is a new program and it is anticipated that approximately \$2,000,000 will be available in FY 2001 for research in Robotics and Intelligent Machines. Multiple-year funding of grant awards is expected subject to satisfactory progress of the research, and the availability of funds. Awards are expected to range up to a maximum of \$500,000 annually with terms from one to three years. The number of awards and range of funding will depend on the number and quality of applications received and selected for award. Award funds will be provided to the recipient organization for the purpose of supporting the research efforts and may include travel and lodging, faculty or student stipends, materials, services and equipment.

#### Applications

To minimize undue effort on the part of applicants and reviewers, interested parties are invited to submit pre-applications. The pre-applications will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the Department of Energy. The brief pre-application must consist of a three to five page project description describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment, along with an estimated budget and biographical information limited to two pages per Principal Investigator and co-Principal Investigator. The pre-applications will be reviewed by the programmatic research area program manager, to determine the relevance of the research to the DOE, appropriateness for support in Engineering research and the priority of research. Based on this review, DOE/RIM management will recommend formal submission of some of the

applications to the Department. A telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address are required parts of the pre-application. Further instructions regarding the contents of pre-application and other pre-application guidelines can be found on the SC Grants and Contracts web site at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>.

Formal applications, when received, will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria, listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR part 605.10(d).

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources;
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs and priority. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution. Other applications received by SC under its current competitive application mechanisms that meet the criteria outlined in this Notice may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program. General information about the development and submission of pre-applications, applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to the latest version of SC's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet at the following web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

Additional information regarding format, preparation and specific requirements may be found at web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/bes/EPSCoR/APPL1.HTM>.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 29, 2000.

**John Rodney Clark,**

*Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of record of decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of BPA's ROD to execute Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and Transmission Services Agreements (TSAs) with Calpine Siskiyou Geothermal Partners, L.P. to acquire and transmit output from the Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project (Project), relying on the Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Project EIS) (DOE/EIS-0266, September 1998).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD and Executive Summary of the Project EIS can be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. The ROD is also available on the internet at [www.efw.bpa.gov](http://www.efw.bpa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Kathy Fisher—KEW-4, Environmental Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; telephone (503) 230-4375; fax (503) 230-5699; e-mail [kpfisher@bpa.gov](mailto:kpfisher@bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These PPAs and TSAs will allow BPA to (1) test the ability of geothermal energy in the Fourmile Hill area to provide a reliable, economical, and environmentally acceptable energy resource in the region; (2) assure consistency with BPA's statutory responsibilities; and (3) assure consistency with BPA's April 22, 1993, Resource Programs ROD.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (Forest Service) served as joint lead agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in the preparation of the Project EIS and issued a ROD approving the Project on May 31, 2000. The Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District served as the state lead agency under the California

Environmental Quality Act and, similarly, posted notice of their approval of the Project on August 9, 2000. BPA, as a cooperating agency with BLM and the Forest Service, adopts the Project EIS and the entire Administrative Record, including the aforementioned decision documents and related post-Project EIS documentation, in this ROD. As detailed in the Final EIS, the proposed power plant and related facilities will be located in eastern Siskiyou and western Modoc Counties, California, on the Klamath and Modoc National Forests.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on November 20, 2000.

**Stephen J. Wright,**

*Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Grande Ronde and Imnaha Spring Chinook Project

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces BPA's proposal to construct new facilities and modify existing facilities for a conservation, integrated recovery production program for Imnaha, Lostine, and Upper Grande Ronde Rivers and Catherine Creek spring chinook salmon. The new and existing facilities would be and are located in Wallowa County, Oregon. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the Environmental Assessment (EA) being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any finding of no significant impact that may be issued following the completion of the EA.

**DATE:** Comments are due to the address below no later than December 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** To comment, phone toll-free 1-800-622-4519, send an e-mail to

the BPA Internet address [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov); or mail comments to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Patricia R. Smith, KEC-4, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; phone number 503-230-7349; fax number 503-230-5699; e-mail address [prsmith@bpa.gov](mailto:prsmith@bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project would include the following types of activities that may involve work in wetlands and floodplains: construction of various buildings, raceways, rearing ponds, effluent facilities, and pipelines. Wetlands and floodplains that may be affected by the project are in Wallowa County, Oregon; Township 1 South, Range 48 East, Section 10; Township 2 South, Range 43 East, Section 3; and Township 3 South, Range 48 East, Section 22.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on November 22, 2000.

**Thomas C. McKinney,**

*NEPA Compliance Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6911-9]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations, (40 CFR part 63, subpart JJJ), OMB number 2060-0324, Expiration Date February 28, 2001. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.