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Intergovernmental Review

The program in this notice is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, we intend this document to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for those programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management; Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board; Notice of Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 101-6.1015(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board has been renewed for a two-year period beginning May 16, 2000.

The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management with advice and recommendations on environmental management projects and issues such as future use, risk management, transportation, long-term stewardship, and budget prioritization activities, from the perspective of affected groups and State and local government. Board membership will reflect the full diversity of views in the affected community and region and be composed primarily of people who are directly affected by Department of Energy (DOE) site cleanup activities. Members will include potentially affected and interested stakeholders from local government, Indian Tribes, environmental and civic groups, labor organizations, universities, waste management and environmental restoration firms, and other interested parties. Representatives from the DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency, and State governments will be ex-officio members of the Board. Selection and appointment of Board members will be accomplished using procedures designed to ensure diverse membership and a balance of viewpoints. Consensus recommendations to the DOE from the Board on the resolution of numerous and difficult issues will help achieve DOE's objective of an integrated environmental management program.

The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the Environmental Management Site-

Specific Advisory Board is necessary in order to conduct DOE's business and is in the public interest. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the rules and regulations issued in the implementation of those acts.

Further information regarding this advisory board may be obtained from Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance for the Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Solicitation DE-PS01-00NN20115; Biological Detection and Enabling Science.

SUMMARY: The Office of Research and Engineering (NN-20) of the Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (NN), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for its Chemical and Biological Nonproliferation Program. Research is sought for experimental and computational studies for biological detection and the underlying enabling science.

DATES: The formal solicitation document, which will include greater detail about specific program areas of interest, application instructions, and evaluation criteria, is expected to be issued in early June 2000. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief two to four page pre-application. All pre-applications, referencing solicitation DE-PS01-00NN20115, should be received by DOE by 2:30 p.m., EST, June 23, 2000. A response encouraging or discouraging the submission of a formal application will be communicated by electronic mail by June 30, 2000. The due date for applications in response to the formal solicitation will be 2:30 p.m., EST, July 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Both pre-applications and applications should be submitted electronically through the Department's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) located at <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>. Further information and