

Definitions

Competitive employment, as defined in 34 CFR 361.5(b)(10), means work in the competitive labor market that is performed on a full-time or part-time basis in an integrated setting, and for which an individual is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals who are not disabled.

Consortium means a group of eligible parties formed by the applicant seeking a Federal award under this priority. Members of the consortium shall enter into an agreement and carry out their responsibilities consistent with the requirements in paragraph (A) of the priority. Members of the consortium shall also ensure that project partners carry out their agreed-upon activities.

Disability with respect to an individual means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of that individual, having a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.

Locality means specific geographical areas within a State or States.

Partner means an entity with which the consortium has entered into an agreement to carry out specific activities, goals, and objectives of the project.

Partnership agreement means a written arrangement between a consortium and its partners to carry out specific activities related to the project.

Public Support means Federal, State, and local public programs that provide resources or services to individuals with disabilities. These programs include, but are not limited to, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Medicaid (including Medicaid waiver programs), Medicare, subsidized housing, and food stamps.

Region means two or more States participating in the project.

Competitive Preference Priority: Within the absolute preference priority for this competition for FY 2001, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we add a competitive preference to applications that are otherwise eligible for funding under this program.

The maximum score under the selection criteria for this program is 100 points; however, we will also use the following competitive preference so that up to an additional 10 points may be earned by an applicant for a total possible score of 110 points.

Up to 10 points may be earned based on the extent to which an application

includes effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities as project employees in projects awarded under this program. In determining the effectiveness of those strategies, we will consider the applicant's prior success, as described in the application, in employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

Therefore, within this competitive preference, applicants can be awarded up to a total of 10 points in addition to those awarded under the published selection criteria for this program. That is, an applicant meeting this competitive preference could earn a maximum total of 110 points.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, we use selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: 301-470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>.

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA No. 84.235B.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Services (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

For Further Information Contact: Sonja T. Turner, Competition Manager, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3322, Switzer Building, Washington, DC. 20202-2650. Telephone: (202) 205-9396. If you use a telecommunications

device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this notice in an alternative format on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

Please note: Applications are to be requested only from ED Pubs as listed in the FOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT section.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

AGENCY: National energy technology laboratory (NETL), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-01NT40864 entitled Advanced University Reciprocating Engine Program. The DOE/NETL is seeking applications on behalf of the Office of Power Technologies in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, for support of projects that are consistent with the goals of the Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine Program. This solicitation, restricted to United States (US) universities and colleges, requests applications that will have a significant

impact in achieving the program goals stated below. In order to attain these goals, innovative and novel concepts need to be developed and current obstacles need to be overcome.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or about April 13, 2001. All requests for explanation or interpretation of any part of the solicitation shall be submitted in writing and must be received by the Contract Specialist via E-mail or in writing not later than 4 p.m. local prevailing time on May 4, 2001. The Government reserves the right not to respond to questions submitted after this date, nor to respond to questions submitted by telephone or in person at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra A. Duncan, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, E-mail Address: duncan@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: 412-386-6137.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE supports the development of promising advanced power technologies that will improve energy efficiency, meet or exceed emissions requirements, enhance durability, and lower the costs of installation and operation.

The DOE is encouraging greater focus on a portfolio of advanced distributed energy systems. Current technology development efforts include industrial turbines, microturbines, reciprocating engines, and fuel cell technologies for use in industrial, commercial, institutional and residential applications. This solicitation focuses on development of technologies that will enhance the performance of advanced natural gas reciprocating engines. Previous solicitations have already focused on reciprocating engine research restricted to manufacturers and national laboratories. US manufacturers and suppliers of reciprocating engines and the Federal government are partnering to develop the next generation of stationary natural gas internal combustion engines. These advanced systems will provide significant benefits to the nation and will position domestic engine manufacturers to better compete in what is becoming a more global market with significant opportunities in domestic power generation markets and emerging international markets. The Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine Program goals are:

1. Energy Efficiency: 50% electrical efficiency. Current spark-ignition natural gas engines range in efficiency

from 34–38%. Application of high temperature materials, engine sensors and controls, improved combustion practices, and other advances may be able to attain efficiencies of 50%.

2. Environmental Emissions: NO_x target of 0.1 grams per horsepower-hour. Currently, the best domestic emission levels are 1.0 grams per horsepower-hour. In order to reduce NO_x emissions by an order of magnitude advances in combustion technology, sensors and controls, and emission reduction systems are critical to minimize environmental impacts.

3. Cost: Operating and maintenance 10% below today's costs for modern engines. Attaining this goal will result in \$50 million savings to the nation between 2005–2010.

To achieve the project objectives, DOE/NETL through the Office of Power Technologies' Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine Program, is requesting applications under the following two (2) topic areas:

Technical Topic No. 1 Ignition System Improvements

Background/Application: Ignition systems with the best available technology today often do not meet customer increasing expectations for longer life and lower maintenance costs. Technologies now available are the result of high speed automotive engine applications. These technologies are not necessarily designed for the load and pressure effects that current medium speed engines require. The need for better ignition systems designs will increase significantly as compression ratios are driven higher to achieve higher engine efficiency, and as engines are operated leaner in order to achieved reduce levels of NO_x emissions.

Technical and Commercial Barriers: Technical barriers include limited research on high energy, long life ignition systems accompanied by low volume production capability of the supplier base for these types of systems.

Technology Breakthrough(s) Needed: Fundamental research is needed to understand ignition system demands for medium speed (1200–1800 revolutions per minute) natural gas engines, meeting customer expectations for life and maintenance costs. Also, research is needed at understanding ignition system dynamics in these engines, especially at the point of ignition during the beginning of the power cycle. As future designs will require increased cylinder pressures and rotational speeds, this research will be especially important as a model for continued developments in ignition systems.

Technical Topic No. 2 Parasitic Loss Reduction

Background/Application: Currently, high-speed engines are believed to have lower frictional losses than medium speed (1200–1800 revolutions per minute) larger bore natural gas engines. Very little known work has been done to lower these losses in medium speed engines. Improvements in this area can be translated directly into lower fuel consumption without suffering a corresponding increase in NO_x emissions.

Technical and Commercial Barriers: Due to the relatively low volumes of these engines, focus has mainly been placed on high-speed engines. Analytical models to do this work need to be refined.

Technology Breakthrough(s) Needed: Research is needed to address current medium speed large bore natural gas parasitic losses. Initial focus could be on the piston, piston ring, and cylinder liner interface, although all areas of the engine system could be investigated. Lubricity, materials, clearances, and temperatures are areas of concern as well. Finally, attention should be given to maintaining the traditional long lives that these engines are expected to provide. Any proposed research concerning lubrication should focus on currently available oils or oil additives.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b) eligibility for award is restricted to US universities and colleges. Only universities, colleges, or university-affiliated research institutes located in the US and its territories, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, may submit applications for consideration under this Program Solicitation. Submissions from university-affiliated research institutes must be made through the university and the university, *not* the university-affiliated research institute, will be the award recipient.

DOE anticipates multiple cooperative agreement awards resulting from this solicitation. In accordance with 10 CFR 600.30, the DOE has determined that a minimum cost share of 20% will be required.

Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on April 11, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-574-000, FERC-574]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 13, 2001

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-574 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption" (OMB No. 1902-0116) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of sections 1(c), 4 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)(P.L. 75-688)(15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Natural Gas Pipeline companies file applications with the Commission furnishing information in order for a determination to be made as to whether

the applicant qualifies for an exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Act (Section 1(c)). If the exemption is granted, the pipeline is not required to file certificate applications, rate schedules, or any other applications or forms otherwise prescribed by the Commission.

The exemption applies to the companies engaged in the transportation or sale for resale of natural gas in interstate commerce if: (a) It receives gas at or within the boundaries of the state from another person; (b) such gas is transported, sold, consumed within such state; and (c) the rates, service and facilities of such company are subject to regulation by a State Commission. The date required to be filed by pipeline companies for an exemption is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collections of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)x(2)x(3)
1	1	245	245 hours.

The estimated total cost of respondents is \$13,786 (245 hours divided by 2.080 hours per year employee times \$117,041 per year per average employee=\$13,786). The cost per respondent is \$13,786.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost of respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs

include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility of clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

April 11, 2001.

Take notice that on March 29, 2001, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing an errata filing concerning the ISO's March 20, 2001 filing in the above-referenced docket. The errata filing provides a tariff sheet which deletes a section number inadvertently included in the same numbered sheet in the March 20, 2001 filing.