

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**[Number DE-PS07-03ID14425]****Industrial Materials for the Future****AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation for awards of financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of materials or materials processing methods, in accordance with the Program Plan for the Industrial Materials for the Future (IMF). This will be a national effort to research, design, develop, engineer, and test new and improved materials to achieve improvements in energy efficiency, emissions and waste reduction, productivity, product quality, and global competitiveness.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-03ID14425 was on December 9, 2002. The deadline for receipt of applications is February 27, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation will be available in its full text on the Internet by going to the DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. This will provide the medium for disseminating solicitations and amendments to solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then click on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wade Hillebrant, Contracting Officer, at hillebtw@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Information about the Office of Industrial Technologies Industrial Materials for the Future Program can be found at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/imf/>. The IOF industry-specific vision documents and technology roadmaps are available at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/> under individual IOF program areas.

DOE anticipates making 1 to 6 cooperative agreements under this solicitation, subject to the availability of funds, with a maximum estimated DOE funding of \$3 million total funds in the first year. A minimum 30% non-federal cost share for advanced research, and

50% non-federal cost share for validation and demonstration is required. For-profit, non-profit, state and local governments, Indian Tribes, and institutions of higher education may submit applications in response to this solicitation. Multi-partner collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. Single organization awards will not be considered. Industrial partners must be included, either as primary applicants or as cost sharing partners. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on December 9, 2002.

R. J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. ER03-262-000]**

The New PJM Companies: American Electric Power Service Corporation on behalf of its operating companies Appalachian Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Power Company, Ohio Power Company, and Wheeling Power Company, Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc., The Dayton Power and Light Company, Virginia Electric and Power Company, and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

December 18, 2002.

Take notice that on December 11, 2002, in accordance with section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), American Electric Power Service Corporation on behalf of Appalachian Power Service Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Power Company, Ohio Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (AEP), Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc. (ComEd), Dayton Power and Light Company, and Virginia Electric and Power Company (collectively referred to as the New PJM Companies) and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), jointly submitted a filing to

include the New PJM Companies as transmission owners within PJM, to revise the PJM West Transmission Owners Agreement, Access Transmission Tariff, and to request unconditional approval of PJM as a Regional Transmission Organization.

The New PJM Companies and PJM request that the Commission establish an effective date to coincide with the date upon which transmission service will first be provided over the transmission facilities of AEP and ComEd Date, and that the date be either February 1, 2003 or March 1, 2003.

The New PJM Companies and PJM state that a paper copy of the transmittal letter describing this filing was served on all state public utility commissions having jurisdiction over the New PJM Companies, all PJM members and all transmission customers of the New PJM Companies. In addition, the filing, in its entirety, is being posted on the PJM Web site (<http://www.pjm.com>) for download by any interested party.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.