DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The 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 April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *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 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: February 22, 2002.

John Tressler,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Annual Performance Report for Title III and Title V Grantees.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 631.

Burden Hours: 11,358.

Abstract: Titles III and V of the Higher Education Act (HEA), provide discretionary and formula grant programs that make competitive awards to eligible Institutions of Higher Education and organizations (Title III, Part E) to assist these institutions expand their capacity to serve minority and low-income students. Grantees annually submit a yearly performance report to demonstrate that substantial progress is being made towards meeting the objectives of their project. This request is to implement a new, web-based Annual Performance Report to more effectively elicit program-specific information to be used for program monitoring and Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) reporting purposes. The Annual Performance Report will be the cornerstone of a new Performance Measurement System tailored to strengthen the Department of Education's program monitoring efforts, streamline our processes, and enhance our customer service.

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 or to the e-mail address *vivian.reese@ed.gov.* Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address *OCIO__RIMG@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 SCHUBART at (202) 708–9266. 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

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget review for extension of currently approved collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) intends to extend for three years, a currently approved information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Information Management collection package, OMB No. 1910–0100, collects the information from the Department's Management and Operating (M&O) contractors concerning the management and administration of their information resources. The collection of this data is critical to the Department. It is used to ensure that the Department's information resources are properly managed. The data collected involves telecommunications and printing management.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this collection package must be mailed within April 1, 2002 to the OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer maybe telephoned at (202) 395–7318. In addition, please notify the DOE contact listed in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for copies of the Department's Paperwork Reduction Act Submission and other information should be directed to Ms. Susan L. Frey, U.S. Department of Energy, Director, Records Management Division, (IM–11), Office of the Chief Information Officer, Germantown, MD 20874–1290. Ms. Frey can be contacted by telephone at (301) 903–3666 or e-mail at *Susan.Frey@hq.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains (1) Current OMB No. 1910–0100; (2) Package Title: Information Management; (3) Summary: Request for a three-year extension of a currently approved information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; (4) Purpose: This information is required for management oversight of DOE M&O contracts/contractors and to ensure that the administrative and information management requirements of the contract are managed efficiently and effectively; (5) Type of

Respondents: 438 DOE management and operating contractors; (6) Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 6,814; (7) Number of collections: This package contains eight (8) collections.

Statutory Authority: Sections 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

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Susan L. Frey,

Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of intent to issue a Financial Assistance Solicitation (PS)

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Issue a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE–PS26–02NT41434 entitled ''Deep Trek Program Solicitation.'' The general goal of this research and development effort is to support development of new and/or innovative technologies that are required to meet the needs of the U.S. natural gas industry in gaining improved access to natural gas resources at depths beyond 20,000 feet. The ''Deep Trek Program Solicitation'' supports the DOE/NETL's Strategic Center for Natural Gas' 2020 Vision of increased benefits to the U.S. public from an affordable supply, reliable delivery, and increased environmental protection from an increase in natural gas usage. Industry input on the solicitation objectives was obtained during a workshop in Houston, Texas on March 20–21, 2001. The objective of this solicitation is to increase the overall effective rate-of-penetration (ROP) for deep drilling, including technologies such as ''Smart'' systems and materials for the hostile environment normally found at depths beyond 20,000 feet.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on the ''Industry Interactive Procurement System'' (IIPS) Web page located at *http://e-center.doe.gov* on or about March 12, 2002. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's Web site at *http://www.netl.doe.gov/business.*

ADDRESSES: The solicitation and any subsequent amendments will be published on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at *http://www.netl.doe.gov/business* and on the IIPS Web page located at *http://e-center.doe.gov.* Comments and/or questions prior to the issuance of the solicitation shall be forwarded to the mailing address or e-mail address provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly A. McDonald, MS I07, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507–0880. E-mail Address: *kelly.mcdonald@netl.doe.gov.* Telephone Number: (304) 285–4113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is anticipated that this action will consist of a single solicitation with multiple closing dates. It is also anticipated that a pre-application process will be used. After consideration of the technical discussion of the pre-application, each applicant will be notified as to whether the applicant can submit a subsequent comprehensive application. The program solicitation will focus on the following two specific topic areas:

1. Improved economics in deep well drilling, including, but not limited to: (1) Innovative drilling hardware concepts to improve rate-of-penetration (ROP) in deep hostile environments, with a focus on material science, electronics, software development and advanced drilling fluid technology advancements; and, (2) Improvements in diagnostic capability during drilling operations.
2. Improved economics in deep well completions, including, but not limited to: Drilling and completion fluid optimization for deep wells.

It is anticipated that the work performed under this action will consist of three (3) phases similar to the following:

Phase I—Feasibility Concept Definition;
Phase II—Prototype Development or Research, Development, and Testing;
Phase III—Field/System Demonstration and Commercialization.

The maximum period of performance for all three (3) phases is estimated at forty-eight (48) months. The goal of this procurement is to work toward a demonstration of concepts at a commercially scalable size. It is recognized that each applicant may propose varying scopes of effort for one or more of the three (3) phases, and consequently, an applicant is not required to perform all Phase I activities if significant work on Phase I type activities has been previously completed. If the applicant proposed to initially proceed to Phase II or III efforts, information must be included in their application which demonstrates the merit of the previous research and reference to the results. For successful applicants proposing to Phase II or III, the cost of work performed by the applicant to satisfy the Phase I or II requirements prior to the execution of the resulting agreement will not be considered when calculating cost share. Due to the nature and objective of this solicitation, it is anticipated that a mixture of applications will be accepted with staggered beginning dates, and it is therefore anticipated that any applicant selected for award shall proceed on it's own schedule, independent of any other application. The schedule will be based on the best estimate of the time it will take the team to complete the three (3)-phase effort and address the solicitation objective.

DOE anticipates multiple cooperative agreement awards under each topic area resulting from this solicitation, and no fee or profit will be paid to a Recipient or Subrecipient under the awards. This particular program is covered by Section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542. EPAct 3002 requires a cost-share commitment of at least 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects and at least 50 percent for demonstration and commercial projects. Depending on the phase and maturation stage of the agreement, cost-share expectations will range from 20 to 50 percent. This particular program is also covered by section 2306 of EPAct, 42 U.S.C. 13525. In order for a company to be eligible for an award under this solicitation, the company's participation must be in the economic interest of the U.S. and the company must either be a U.S.-owned company or incorporated in the U.S. with its parent company incorporated in a country that (i) affords to U.S.-owned companies opportunities, comparable to those afforded to any other company, to participate in any joint venture similar to those authorized under the Act; (ii) affords to U.S-owned companies local investment opportunities comparable to those afforded to any other company; and (iii) affords adequate and effective protection for the intellectual property rights of U.S.-owned companies. This eligibility requirement also applies to all companies participating in any joint venture, ''team'' arrangement, or as a major subcontractor. The solicitation will contain as part of the application package the applicable EPAct representation form(s). In addition to EPAct, applicant's must incur at least 75