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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Aluminum Visions of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of the domestic aluminum industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the aluminum industry in the Aluminum Industry Technology Roadmap and the Inert Anode Roadmap, (available at the following URL: <http://www.oit.doe.gov/aluminum/alindust.shtml>).

DATES: The Standard Form 424, and the technical application (20 page maximum), must have an IIPS transmission time stamp of not later than 3:00 p.m. MST on Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications are required to be submitted via the U.S. Department of Energy Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Dahl, Contract Specialist at dahlee@id.doe.gov, facsimile at (208) 526-5548, or by telephone at (208) 526-7214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$2,500,000 in combined fiscal year 2002 Federal funds is expected to be available to totally fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making six to nine awards each with a duration of four years or less. This solicitation is requiring 50% cost share to ensure industrial involvement in each of the proposals and to ensure that the novel,

energy efficient processes developed by this R&D program will be fully implemented by industry. There will be no waivers of this cost share requirement. Multi-partner collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-01ID14050 is on or about February 6, 2001. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The statutory authority for this 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.

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R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions

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

ACTION: Notice of restricted eligibility.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to U.S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Other Minority Institutions (OMI) in support of innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a select number of applicants based on the scientific merit of the application, relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds. Collaboration with private industry is encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cynthia Y. Mitchell, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, Pittsburgh PA 15236-0940, Telephone: 412-386-4862, FAX: 412-386-6137, E-mail: mitchell@netl.doe.gov. The solicitation (available in both Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows and Portable Document Format (PDF)) will be

released on DOE's NETL World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit>) on or about February 2, 2001. If applicants do not have Internet capability, a 3.5" double sided/high density diskette copy of the solicitation will be available, upon receipt of a written request submitted via fax or e-mail to Ms. Mitchell. No telephone requests will be honored for request of diskettes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation: "Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions."

Objectives: Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-01NT40950, the Department of Energy seeks applications from HBCU and OMI and HBCU/OMI-affiliated research institutes for innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. The resultant grants are intended to maintain and upgrade educational, training, and research capabilities of our HBCU/OMI in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources; to foster private sector participation, collaboration, and interaction with HBCU/OMI; and to provide for the exchange of technical information and to raise the overall level of HBCU/OMI competitiveness with other institutions in the field of fossil energy research and development. Thus, the establishment of linkages between the HBCU/OMI and the private sector fossil energy community is critical to the success of this program, and consistent with the Nation's goal of ensuring a future supply of fossil fuel scientists and engineers from a previously under-utilized resource.

Eligibility: Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is restricted to HBCU and OMI recognized by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, and identified on the OCR's U.S. Department of Education list of U.S. Accredited Postsecondary Minority Institutions list in effect on the closing date of the Program Solicitation. Applications submitted by any institution not on OCR's aforementioned list are ineligible for technical evaluation and award. For information regarding the qualification criteria and process of becoming recognized by the Education Department's OCR as a "Minority Institution," institutions should contact the Education Department directly at the following address: Mr. Peter A.