

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. AD08-3-000]

**Conference on Alaska Natural Gas
Transportation Project; Notice of
Technical Conference and Request for
a Statement of Interest Regarding an
Alaska Natural Gas Transportation
Project**

January 4, 2008.

On January 29, 2008, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will hold a technical conference to discuss its third-party contracting requirements and expectations with respect to preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) on an Alaska natural gas transportation project. The staff invites those contracting companies with the relevant expertise and an interest in providing third-party contractor services to assist the FERC environmental staff with the review of the application(s) and the design and preparation of an EIS staff will prepare for the anticipated project.

The technical conference will be held at the Commission's Headquarters, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426 in room 3M-2A from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. EST. All interested parties may attend. The conference will not be transcribed, and telephone participation will not be available.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

If a project moves forward and starts the Pre-Filing Process to seek authorization under the Natural Gas Act, the FERC will be the lead agency for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and for preparing an EIS that consolidates the environmental review of all federal agencies with regulatory and other responsibilities relevant to such a project. In particular, the staff is interested in information and ideas regarding how a consultant would assist it with:

- Planning and supporting the public participation process;
- coordinating the information flow between the lead and cooperating agencies;
- identifying and analyzing the environmental issues associated with a

large diameter trans-Alaskan pipeline project; and

- preparing an EIS that is in full compliance with NEPA.

In addition to the technical conference, the staff is seeking Statements of Interest from qualified companies. Respondents to this Request for Statement of Interest (RSI) should also submit a Capability Statement (CS) of no more than 25 pages that describes the organization's ability to perform the effort outlined above. The CS should summarize the company's experience in projects of similar scope and complexity, prior NEPA experience, and familiarity with the FERC (especially third-party contract experience). The CS should also detail the company's relevant expertise in such fields as arctic pipeline construction and restoration, pipeline engineering, geotechnical and seismic design, subsistence, and Native Alaskan consultation. The CS may be appended with the qualifications of the key personnel on the project team. In addition to the CS, respondents must include a completed Organizational Conflict of Interest Statement (see attachment).

Responses to the RSI must be submitted as detailed below:

- Send two copies to: Michael J. Boyle, Branch Chief, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 62-47, Washington, DC 20426;
- reference "Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project RSI" on both copies; and
- mail the response so that it will be received in Washington, DC, on or before January 25, 2008.

Be advised that all information submitted should be marked as "Proprietary Information—Do Not Release" in bold letters on the top of every page in order to protect the submittal from public disclosure. Companies responding to the RSI may also be interviewed individually at the Commission's offices in Washington, DC. If such interviews are scheduled, attendance would be at the interested parties' own expense.

For additional information concerning the technical conference or the RSI, please contact Laurence Sauter at 202-502-8205 or Rich McGuire at 202-502-6177.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to OMB for
Review and Approval; Comment
Request; Transition Program for
Equipment Manufacturers (Renewal);
EPA ICR No. 1826.04, OMB Control No.
2060-0369**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before February 13, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0058, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by e-mail to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On September 26, 2007 (72 FR 54654), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.