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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. 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

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 Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT40865 entitled "Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) Core Technology Program." The purpose of the SECA Core Technology Program is to develop science and technologies that address specific technical challenges and barriers faced by the SECA Industrial Teams. The goal for SECA Industrial Teams is to develop a 3 kilowatt (kW)-10kW solid-oxide fuel cell system including stack and balance of plant that has a Factory Cost of \$400/kW by 2010. Additional information associated with the SECA program is located at <http://www.seca.doe.gov>.

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 December 10, 2001. Prospective applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the above Internet address or through the DOE/NETL's Internet address 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:

Mary S. Gabriele, 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: mgabri@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: (304) 285-4253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject solicitation will focus on specific sub-topics under the following six Core Technology topic areas:

1. Fuel Processing.
2. Manufacturing.
3. Controls & Diagnostics.
4. Power Electronics.
5. Modeling & Simulation.
6. Materials.

Each topic area contains one or more sub-topics that describe needs for specific science, engineering and technologies to support the SECA Industrial Teams. The Core Technology Program will focus on generating new scientific and engineering knowledge and on creating technology breakthroughs to address technical risks and barriers that limit achievement of the SECA performance and cost goals for solid-state fuel cell systems. Universities and small business research entities are considered well suited for this role of generating new knowledge and creating breakthroughs. The solicitation is however open to any nonprofit or for-profit organization, university or other institution of higher education, or non-federal agency, unless otherwise restricted by the Simpson-Craig Amendment.

The DOE anticipates award of multiple cooperative agreements in the various topic/subtopic areas; but the DOE reserves the right to award the agreement type and number deemed in its best interest. Each award will consist of two phases, and the selection for each phase will be based on a competitive process. Phase I will investigate the feasibility of the proposed concept/approach and will be limited to approximately \$150,000 (DOE Funding) and twelve (12) months. Only Phase I recipients will have the opportunity to submit a renewal application to receive funds for Phase II research. If the Phase I work demonstrates feasibility, the selected Industrial Team members see sufficient commercialization merit, and adequate program funds are available, the recipient will be awarded a Phase II renewal agreement. Phase II work includes advancing the science and

technology to a sufficient maturity level that it will be adopted by the Industrial Team(s). The Phase II effort will be limited to approximately \$500,000 (DOE Funding) and twenty-four (24) months. Phase II renewal awards may be partially funded to pick only the aspects of the Phase II work that have sufficient merit to the SECA Industrial Team(s).

Applicants are advised that a minimum of 20% cost sharing will be required in Phase I and Phase II for technologies proposed under Topic Areas 1 through 5. Cost sharing is not mandatory for Phase I or Phase II under Topic Area 6, but is highly encouraged.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS-HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. 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 Morgantown, WV on November 30, 2001.

Randolph L. Kesling,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration; Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program Financial Assistance Number DE-PS03-01SF22349

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of competitive financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The DOE/NNSA, through the Oakland Operations Office, is seeking applications/proposals in specific areas of physical science with the principal goals of: (1) Grow the U.S. scientific community, through the funding of research projects at universities, in areas of fundamental science and technology relevant to stockpile stewardship, with a focus on those areas that have not been traditionally supported by other federal agencies and for which there is a recruiting need within the NNSA/DP laboratories complex; and (2) Providing fundamental-science information and developing advanced experimental measurement techniques in selected areas of physical sciences: condensed matter physics and materials science, hydrodynamics, plasma and high-energy-density physics, fluid dynamics, and low-energy nuclear science.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document, Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program (DE-PS03-01SF22349), is available through the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) located at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. IIPS provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. Individuals who have the authority to enter their university or academic institution into a financial assistance award and intend to submit proposals/applications via the IIPS system must register and receive confirmation that they are registered prior to being able to submit an application on the IIPS system. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractor" can be obtained by going to the IIPS Homepage at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov> and then clicking on the "Help" button.

Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPSHelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms Bertha Crisp, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, N-700, Oakland, CA 94612-5208; e-mail bertha.crisp@oak.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposals for Research Grants and Centers of Excellence are invited from universities or other academic institutions in the following specific areas of physical science: (1) Properties of materials under extreme conditions and

hydrodynamics, (2) high-energy-density physics and fluid dynamics, and (3) low-energy nuclear science. The Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program is an expansion of the currently funded "Inertial Fusion Science in Support of Stockpile Stewardship" Grant Program. The Office of Research, Development and Simulation anticipates supporting multiple awards in physical sciences totaling approximately \$12.5M annually, subject to the availability of funds, as a result of this solicitation. Awards will be for one to three-year projects of work at a funding level appropriate for the proposed scopes. Funding of awards will range up to approximately \$2,000,000 per year for Centers of Excellence and will range up to a few hundred thousand dollars per year for Research Grants. The solicitation document contains all the information relative to this action for prospective applicants. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) number for this program is 541.

Issued in Oakland, CA, on December 3, 2001.

R. Arlene Coleman,

Acting Director, Financial Assistance Center, Oakland Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for emergency OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Submission for Emergency OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the energy information collections listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). The DOE is requesting an emergency clearance from OMB for the Form EIA-417R by December 18, 2001. This form is used to collect information on emergency situations in U.S. electric power systems. Approval of the request will provide DOE with the time necessary to more thoroughly evaluate its information needs in light of the

changed environment since September 11, 2001.

DOE has responsibilities for tracking actual and potential emergency situations on the U.S. electric energy supply system so that Federal emergency response and national security measures can be implemented in a timely and effective manner, as necessary. DOE has had regulations in place since the 1980's requiring electric energy entities to report on systems' incidents and disturbances.

In 1998, the DOE received OMB approval, under Form EIA-417R, to collect electric systems' emergency information through December 31, 2001. DOE is requesting emergency approval to continue use of the existing Form EIA-417R while the revised form is being prepared for submittal to OMB.

During the summer of 2001, DOE developed revised reporting requirements for the form and issued a request for public comments. The **Federal Register** notice (66 FR 47189) requesting public comments was published on September 11. Given the events of September 11, 2001, public comments received in response to the **Federal Register** notice, and consultations with affected groups, DOE is reassessing the information it will require on electric power systems' incidents and disturbances. DOE will not complete this reassessment prior to expiration of the EIA-417R's approval, and thus needs to request an emergency 6-month approval to continue collecting information under the existing regulations (10 CFR 205.350-353).

DATES: Comments must be filed with OMB by December 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Bryon Allen, OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX at 202-395-7285 or e-mail to Ballen@omb.eop.gov is recommended. The mailing address is 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-7318. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller,. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX at 202-287-1705 or e-mail to herbert.miller@eia.doe.gov is recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of