

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Steel Industry Research Challenge
Number DE-PS07-02ID14279**

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office,
Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of
solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for conceptual designs for steel making processes that will revolutionize the way steel is made in the 21st century. This is the next "stretch" step in advancing the future of the domestic steel industry and compliments the current program based on the Steel Technology Roadmap. Each award made in response to this solicitation will be for a maximum of two years. During this period, each awardee will develop a conceptual design with supporting technical, marketing, economic and policy data; describe opportunities and barriers; and develop energy, environmental and economic targets. Multi-partner collaborations between steel companies, equipment suppliers, engineering firms, and educational institutions are strongly encouraged; collaboration with educational institutions and their students is mandatory. At the end of the two year period, a panel of judges made up of steel industry executives will determine which designs will be selected for long term cost-shared research and development investment.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. MDT April 15, 2002. The issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-02ID14279 will be approximately February 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at <http://e-center.doe.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marshall Garr, Contract Specialist, at garrmc@id.doe.gov or telephone (208) 526-1536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$1,000,000 in federal funds are expected to be available to fund the first year of selected design

concept efforts. It is anticipated that equivalent funds should be available for any follow-on contract year. DOE anticipates making 1 to 4 cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of two years or less. The cooperative agreements will be awarded in accordance with DOE Financial Assistance regulations, Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, chapter II subchapter H, part 600 (10 CFR 600). Award of a cooperative agreement under this solicitation does not commit the Government to fund any follow-on research. Successful applicants will be required to submit reports to DOE as identified in the reporting requirements checklist. No fee or profit will be paid to cooperative agreement award recipients.

No cost share is required. However, cost sharing is encouraged by the participants. Cost share may be provided as cash or in-kind cost share. Cost share may not be other federal funding. For additional information reference 10 CFR 600.127.

For-profit, non-profit, state and local governments, Indian Tribes, and institutions of higher education may submit applications in response to this solicitation. National laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a National Laboratory may be considered for award provided the applicant clearly identifies the unique capabilities, facilities and/or expertise the Laboratory offers the primary applicant. National Laboratories will receive their funding through their existing arrangements with the Government via Field Work Proposals (FWP). The solicitation will be available in full text via the Internet on DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Technical and non-technical questions should be submitted in writing to Marshall Garr by e-mail garrmc@id.doe.gov, or facsimile at 208-526-5548 no later than March 12, 2002.

The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-577).

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R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 01-16-NG, 01-60-NG, 02-01-NG, 01-36-NG, 02-02-NG, and 00-100-NG]

Office of Fossil Energy; Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP (Formerly Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LLC), Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP (Formerly Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LLC), Texaco Energy Marketing L.P., TXU Energy Trading Company LP (Formerly TXU Energy Trading Company), EPCOR Merchant and Capital (US) Inc., IDACORP Energy L.P. (Formerly IDACORP Energy Solutions L.P.); Orders Granting and Transferring Authority to Import and Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during January 2002, it issued Orders granting and transferring authority to import and export natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 5, 2002.

Yvonne Caudillo,

*Acting Manager, Natural Gas Regulation,
Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import
& Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

APPENDIX—ORDERS GRANTING AND TRANSFERRING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
1679-A	1-7-02	Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP (Formerly Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LLC) 01-16-NG.			Transfer of blanket import and export authority.
1731-A	1-10-02	Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP (Formerly Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LLC) 01-60-NG.			Transfer of blanket import and export authority.

APPENDIX—ORDERS GRANTING AND TRANSFERRING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS—Continued

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
1753	1-16-02	Texaco Energy Marketing L.P. 02-01-NG.	120 Bcf		Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on January 21, 2002, and extending through January 20, 2004.
1699-A	1-17-02	TXU Energy Trading Company LP (Formerly TXU Energy Trading Company) 01-36-NG.			Transfer of blanket import and export authority.
1754	1-25-02	EPCOR Merchant and Capital (US) Inc. 02-02-NG.	22 Bcf	33 Bcf	Import and export natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on January 25, 2002, and extending through January 24, 2004.
1633-A	01-28-02	IDACORP Energy L.P. (Formerly IDACORP Energy Solutions LP.) 00-100-NG.			Transfer of blanket import and export authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Extension of Collection; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, DOE.**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments on the proposed three-year extension to the Form EIA-28, Financial Reporting System (FRS), under section 3507(h)(1).**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted within 60 days of the publication of this notice. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person identified below as soon as possible.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to Gregory P. Filas of EIA. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-9753) or e-mail (greg.filas@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. Mr. Filas mailing address is Energy Information Administration (EI-62), Financial Analysis Team, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mr. Filas may be telephoned at (202) 586-1347.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Mr. Filas at the address listed above.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background****II. Current Actions****III. Request for Comments****I. Background**

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*), and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), require the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer-term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Under Pub. L. 95-91, section 205(h), the Administrator of the EIA is required to "identify and designate" the major energy companies who must annually file Form EIA-28 to ensure that the data collected provide "a statistically accurate profile of each line of commerce in the energy industry in the United States." Data collected on Form EIA-28 are published and used in analyses of the energy industry.

II. Current Actions

EIA is proposing a three-year extension with no changes to the previously approved Form EIA-28.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested persons are invited to comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the Form EIA-28 instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for the Form EIA-28 collection, including proposed changes, is estimated to average 450 hours per response. The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of the agency's estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of collecting this information, including the use of information technology.