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Dates: May 8–10, 1997.

Times: May 8—Subject Area Committee #2, 3:30–5:00 P.M. (closed), 3:00–3:30 P.M., (open); Achievement Levels Committee, 3:00–5:00 P.M., (open); Executive Committee, 5:00–6:30 P.M. (open), 6:30–7:00 P.M. (closed). May 9—Full Board, 8:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M. (open); Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 in joint session, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon, (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon, (open); Full Board 12:00 Noon—4:00 P.M., (open). May 10—Full Board, 9:00 A.M. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 Noon (open).

Location: The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On May 8, Subject Area Committee #2 and the Executive Committee will meet in partially closed session. Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in closed session from 3:30–5:00 P.M. to review items, scoring criteria, and sample responses from the 1997 NAEP writing field test. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In open session, 3:00–3:30 P.M., the Committee will review plans for upcoming assessments and item review sessions in preparation for the 1998 NAEP cycle.

the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:30–7:00 P.M. to

discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In the open session from 5:00–6:30 P.M., the Executive Committee will hear the results of a customer survey of NAEP users; discuss the status of NAGB committee redesign assignments; and hear a report on NAEP secondary analysis.

Also, on May 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., there will be an open meeting of the Achievement Levels Committee. The Committee will hear a briefing on the evaluation being conducted by the National Academy of Sciences, and preview the work for the setting of achievement levels for civics and writing.

On May 9, the full Board will convene in open session at 8 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, the Executive Director's Report, a presentation on President Clinton's Initiative on Voluntary Tests, and an update on the NAEP project. Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, there will be open meetings of the following subcommittees: Design and Methodology, Reporting and Dissemination, and a joint meeting of Subject Area Committees #1 and #2. The Design and Methodology Committee will review and discuss the draft policy prepared for a short-form NAEP, and hear a briefing on plans for a NAEP Validity Studies Panel. Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include consideration of definitions of NAEP Reports: Comprehensive, Standard, Focused, and Market-Basket; review and discuss plans for NAEP Week; and hear presentations on various report release plans. The Joint Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 will discuss progress on their NAEP redesign topics. These topics include the draft framework policy, state options for NAEP, and results of the NCES/NAEP Constituent Survey.

The full Board will reconvene in open session at 12 p.m. to hear a briefing on the 1996 NAEP Science Report, have a presentation on and discussion of the reading and math initiatives, and to continue discussion on NAEP Redesign.

On May 10, the full Board will meet in open session from 9 a.m. until adjournment at approximately 12 noon.

The Board will hear a presentation on the National Academy of Education's Report, *Assessment in Transition: Monitoring the Nation's Educational Progress*. The Board will then hear reports from its various committees.

A summary of the activities of the closed and partially closed sessions and other related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Roy Truby,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance

AGENCY: The Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice for 1997 State Energy Program Special Projects.

SUMMARY: As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 1997, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for a group of special project activities. Funding is being provided by a number of end-use sector programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States that are awarded funding for special projects will carry out their projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP, with the special projects funding and activities tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the programs providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy

efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

DATES: The program guidance/solicitation was available March 31, 1997. Applications must be received by June 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: Faith Lambert at the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fiscal year 1997 is the second year special project activities are funded in conjunction with the State Energy Program (10 CFR part 420). Most of these State-oriented special projects are related to or based on similar efforts that have been funded separately by the various DOE end-use sector programs that are now providing funding for these optional SEP activities.

Availability of Fiscal Year 1997 Funds

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of \$9.75 million in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 1997. The awards will be made through a competitive process. The end-use sector programs that are participating in the SEP special projects for fiscal year 1997, with the estimated minimum amount of funding available for each, are as follows:

- **Clean Cities:** Accelerating the introduction and increasing the use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles through the development of infrastructure and clean corridors (\$1,550,000).
- **Federal Energy Management Program:** Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal and State buildings (\$545,000).
- **Industrial Programs:** May include such programs as: NICE" to improve industrial competitiveness through energy efficiency and waste reduction;
- **Motor Challenge:** To increase the market penetration of energy efficient industrial electric motor driven systems; and
- **Climate Wise:** To provide resources for States to design and implement comprehensive industrial assistance

initiatives (estimated total for these programs: \$1,250,000).

- **Rebuild America:** Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1,000,000).
- **Codes and Standards:** Supporting States actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$3,800,000).
- **Utility Technologies:** Projects to demonstrate and increase utilization of renewable energy sources, such as biomass, geothermal heat pumps, hydrogen technology, photovoltaics for utility scale applications, and wind energy (\$850,000).

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing or matching contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing or matching contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the respective participating end-use sector programs in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. A decision as to the applications selected for funding will then be made by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Building Technology, State and Community Programs, or designee, based on the findings of the technical merit review and any stated program policy factors. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the

applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586-2319.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Atlantic City Electric Company; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Delmarva Power & Light Company; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Metropolitan Edison Company; Pennsylvania Electric Company; Pennsylvania Power & Light Company; PECO Energy Company; Potomac Electric Power Company; Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Filing

April 21, 1997.

Take notice that on April 15, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. and Con Agra Energy Services, Inc. applied to become additional signatories to the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Maryland Interconnection Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 25, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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