

Comments on, or requests for copies of, Site Discussion Drafts should be submitted directly to the individual site points of contact listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for copies of the Discussion Draft or further information should be directed to the Center for Environmental Management Information (CEMI) at 1-800-736-3282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since its inception, the DOE's Office of Environmental Management has worked to safely manage wastes and clean up environmental releases from past practices. In response to the expressed desire of both the Administration and Congress to balance the Federal budget, the Environmental Management program is developing a strategy based on completing cleanup of as many DOE sites as possible by 2006. This vision acknowledges that, at a small number of sites, some environmental management functions (such as treatment and disposal of transuranic and high-level waste, and long-term monitoring operations) will continue beyond 2006. However, by 2006 it is envisioned that most Department of Energy Environmental Management sites will be able to stabilize and safely store their nuclear materials and clean up their land and buildings.

The Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft focuses on risk reduction, protection of public and worker health and safety, maintaining compliance with applicable regulations and agreements, reducing waste generation, and continuing a collaborative relationship with stakeholders. A key goal of the Discussion Draft strategy is to identify areas in which the Department can become more efficient, such as focusing funds on more rapid cleanup and thereby reducing longer-term "mortgage" costs of maintaining facilities. Other efficiency improvements and alternative management approaches are also identified for comment.

Between June and September 1997, the Department will work with Tribal Nations, states, regulators, local governments and other stakeholders to refine the Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 strategies presented in the Discussion Draft. The Department will release a Draft 2006 Plan later this year.

The primary avenues for public involvement will continue to be through activities at individual DOE sites. During the public comment period, it is anticipated that additional issues and

opportunities will be raised, and that the individual Operations and Field Offices will further refine their individual 2006 plans and support the analysis and development of the National Environmental Management Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Draft Plan.

Comments received may result in the development of Action Plans to resolve longer-term issues. Future versions of the Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Plan will reflect changes in the Environmental Management program and progress made toward achieving the vision of completing cleanup of as many DOE sites as possible by 2006.

Comments on Site Discussion Drafts should be submitted directly to the following individual site points of contact:

- U.S. Department of Energy,
Albuquerque Operations Office, Ms. Tracy Loughhead, Pennsylvania and H Street, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM 87116, 505/845-5977
- U.S. Department of Energy, Ohio Field Office, Mr. Ken Morgan, 1 Mound Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342-3020, 513/865-3968
- U.S. Department of Energy, Carlsbad Area Office, Mr. Dennis Hurt, P.O. Box 3090, Carlsbad, NM 88221, 505/234-7485
- U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Mr. Walter Perry, 200 Administration Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, 423/241-6417
- U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Ms. Mary Jo Acke, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439, 630/252-8796
- U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Mr. Jim Daily, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, WA 99352, 509/376-7721
- U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Ms. Kathy Whitaker, 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 208/526-1062
- U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Mr. Mike Konczal, Highway 93 and Cactus Road, Golden, CO 80402, 303/966-7095
- U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office, Mr. Kevin Rohrer, 2621 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89030-4134, 702/295-0197
- U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Ms. Virginia Kay, PM&CD, Aiken, SC 29801, 803/725-5752
- U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, Mr. Ron Duvall, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612-5208, 510/637-1812

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Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 97-15; Partnerships for Academic-Industrial Research (PAIR) in Support of Energy-Relevant Fundamental Research

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES), Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for performance of basic research to support important, long-term national objectives in energy relevant research. The purpose of this program is to promote research activities involving academic researchers, their students, and industrial researchers.

DATES: Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 97-15, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., November 5, 1997. A response discussing the potential program relevance of a formal application generally will be communicated to the applicant within 30 days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 P.M., January 14, 1998, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 1998.

ADDRESSES: All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 97-15, should be sent to Dr. Paul H. Maupin, Division of Chemical Sciences, ER-14, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

After receiving notification from DOE concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 97-15. The above address must also be used when

submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning research topics in specific technical areas, contact the following individuals in the appropriate division of interest:

Dr. Paul H. Maupin, Chemical Sciences Division, ER-14, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-4355, e-mail: paul.maupin@oer.doe.gov

Dr. Gregory L. Dilworth, Division of Energy Biosciences, ER-17, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-2873, email: greg.dilworth@oer.doe.gov

Dr. Robert Price, (Engineering), Engineering and Geosciences Division, ER-15, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-3565, email: bob.price@oer.doe.gov

Dr. Wolfgang Wawersik, (Geosciences), Engineering and Geosciences Division, ER-15, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-5829, email: wolfgang.wawersik@oer.doe.gov

Dr. Timothy Fitzsimmons, Materials Sciences Division, ER-13, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-9830, email: tim.fitzsimmons@oer.doe.gov

Investigators may also wish to obtain information about a related funding opportunity entitled: "Energy and Waste Minimization Research Supportive of Technology Vision 2020: The Chemical Industry". Contact: Office of Industrial Technologies, EE-20, U. S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, 20585, web site: www.oit.doe.gov/IOF/chemicals/

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE encourages submission of applications to conduct high-quality basic research on fundamental issues important to the efficient, economical, safe, and environmentally responsible production and use of energy that will involve interactions of the academic basic research community with the industrial research community. Because the transition from discovery to development and deployment is not a

linear process and because both basic and applied researchers contribute to problem definition, discovery, and understanding, this program seeks to promote, encourage, and facilitate partnerships between researchers in the academic and industrial sectors. In particular, emphasis is placed on stimulating interactions between a principal investigator in an institution of higher learning with a counterpart in industry with significant involvement of students.

Applications received by ER under its normal competitive application mechanisms may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program.

Information Regarding Applications for Assistance: The ER encourages the submission of applications that will foster substantive partnerships between researchers in academia and researchers in appropriate and relevant industries in order to:

1. Strengthen interactions between those engaged in long-term, curiosity driven research and those involved in focused research.
2. Provide increased awareness in both sectors of the problems of focused research and the problems and opportunities afforded by long-term pre-competitive research.
3. Provide opportunities for joint problem definition.
4. Provide opportunities for students and postdoctoral fellows to work in an industrial setting.
5. Address and solve important, outstanding fundamental problems associated with the efficient, economical, safe, and environmentally responsible production and use of energy.

In addition to the usual description of the proposed work, the application must include the following information and meet the following requirements:

1. There must be evidence of a working relationship between the academic and industrial research partners.
2. The fundamental scientific problem must be clearly expressed.
3. The field of inquiry must fall within the scope of the research activities currently supported by BES. (For information on the scope of these activities, including references to publications of workshops and conferences sponsored by BES or its subsidiary divisions, refer to <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/bes/bes.html>.) The appropriate BES division should be specified on the cover page of the application.

4. Individual value to both the academic and the industrial research partners must be stated and explained. There should be clear objectives, not necessarily the same, for each participant.

5. The proposed interactions between the academic and the industrial research partners should be described. The nature of this interaction may take many forms, but it is expected to include reciprocal visits. In addition, the application must include support for graduate and/or post graduate students who will spend at least four weeks a year in the industrial setting. Graduate student activities should fall within the scope of requirements needed to fulfill an advanced degree.

6. Cost sharing is not expected; however, the industrial partner will be expected to pay incremental costs associated with student and faculty visits on site.

7. It should be the intention of the principal investigator to publish the results of the supported research in the peer-reviewed, archival scientific literature.

It is anticipated that approximately \$1,500,000 will be available in FY 1998 for research that encourages and facilitates interactive efforts between the academic and industrial communities. Multiple-year funding of grant awards is expected subject to satisfactory progress in the research and the availability of funds. For the grant to receive continuation funds at the end of each year, there must be evidence of substantial interactions between the university and the industrial research partners. Awards are expected to range from \$50,000 annually to \$150,000 annually with terms from one to three years. The number of awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award.

To minimize undue effort on the part of applicants and reviewers, interested parties are invited and encouraged to submit preapplications. The preapplications will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the DOE's Basic Energy Sciences Program. The brief preapplication should consist of two to three pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment. Telephone and FAX numbers are required parts of the preapplication, and electronic mail addresses are desirable. ER's preapplication guidelines can be found on the ER Grants and Contracts Web Site at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>

Applications will be subjected to formal merit review and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 605:

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project.
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach.
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources.
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and the agency's programmatic needs. General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605. Electronic access to the Application Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web site address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605)

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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director for Resource Management, Office of Energy Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2604-000]

Applied Resources Integrated Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 1, 1997.

Applied Resources Integrated Services, Inc. (Applied Services) submitted for filing with the Commission a rate schedule under which Applied Services will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Applied Services also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Applied Services requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and

assumptions of liability by Applied Services.

On June 17, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Applied Services should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Applied Services is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Applied Services' issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 17, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2413-000]

Fina Energy Services Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 1, 1997.

Fina Energy Services Company (Fina) submitted for filing with the Commission a rate schedule under which Fina will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Fina also requested waiver of various Commission

regulations. In particular, Fina requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Fina.

On June 18, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Fina should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Fina is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Fina's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 18, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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New Millennium Energy Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 1, 1997.

New Millennium Energy Corporation (NMEC) submitted for filing with the Commission a rate schedule under which NMEC will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions