

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Centers for Independent Living; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

Purpose of Program: This program provides support for planning, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living (centers) that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), consistent with the State plan for establishing a statewide network of centers. Centers are consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and provide an array of independent living (IL) services.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible to apply, an applicant must—(a) be a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agency as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b); (b) have the power and authority to meet the requirements in 34 CFR 366.2(a)(1); (c) be able to plan, conduct, administer, and evaluate a center for independent living consistent with the requirements of section 725(b) and (c) of the Act and Subparts F and G of 34 CFR Part 366; and (d) either—(1) not currently be receiving funds under Part C of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act; or (2) propose the expansion of an existing center through the establishment of a separate and complete center (except that the governing board of the existing center may serve as the governing board of the new center) in a different geographical location. Eligibility under this competition is limited to entities that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 366.24 and propose to serve areas that are unserved or underserved in the States and territories listed under AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 26, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 27, 1999.

Applications Available: December 11, 1998.

Available Funds: \$456,736 as distributed in the following manner:

Georgia	\$86,226
New York	104,652
American Samoa	154,046
Guam	55,906
Commonwealth of N. Marianas ..	55,906

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$55,906–\$154,046.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1 per eligible State.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 364 and 366.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Merri Pearson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3316, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2741. Telephone: (202) 205-8484 (voice) and (202) 205-8243 (TDD).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

FOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT: The Grants and Contracts Services Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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Note: The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 721(c) and (e) and 796(f).

Dated: December 4, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. PP-195, EA-195]

Application for Presidential Permit and Electricity Export Authorization Wilson-7 Energy Systems, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Wilson-7 Energy Systems, Inc. (Wilson-7) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, connect, operate and maintain electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Mexico. The proposed facility is a direct current (DC) transmission with an operating voltage of between 600 kilovolts (600 kV) and 1,200 kV. The facilities would originate at a new electric powerplant to be constructed in Hudspeth County, Texas, and cross the U.S.-Mexico border in the vicinity of either Fort Hancock, Arcala, or Indian Hot Springs, Texas. The proposed facilities would be used to supply electric energy to Mexico and unnamed countries south of Mexico. In addition, Wilson-7 seeks authorization to export 6,000 megawatts (MW) of electric power from the United States to Mexico.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the

international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038. In addition, exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

On October 14, 1998, Wilson-7 filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit and an electricity export authorization. The application was supplemented by another application filed on November 18, 1998. Wilson-7 proposes to construct a DC transmission line of either 600 kV, 800 kV, 1,000 kV, or 1,200 kV DC from a location in the vicinity of Fort Hancock, Hudspeth County, Texas, adjacent to the United States border with Mexico, to Mexico and to other unspecified countries located south of Mexico. The electric energy to be transmitted to Mexico and/or other countries will be generated by three (3) 2,000-MW gas-fired electric powerplants to be constructed by Wilson-7 in Hudspeth County, Texas.

The Wilson-7 application notes that there are no firm contracts in place for the sale of power to any foreign government or foreign private concerns.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with section 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214).

Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be filed directly with: Mr. Frank H. Wilson, 62 Thicket Street, Irvine, California 92614.

Before a Presidential permit or electricity export authorization may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

The NEPA compliance process is a cooperative, non-adversarial process involving members of the public, state governments and the Federal Government. The process affords all persons interested in or potentially affected by the environmental consequences of a proposed action an opportunity to present their views, which will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documentation for the proposed action. Intervening and becoming a party to this proceeding will not create any special status for the petitioner with regard to the NEPA process. Notice of upcoming NEPA activities and information on how the public can participate in those activities will appear in the **Federal Register**. Additional announcements will appear in local newspapers and public libraries and/or reading rooms in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menu.

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Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 98-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safety Management at the Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 98-2, concerning safety management at the Pantex plant, on October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53884). Section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) required the Department of Energy to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by November 20, 1998. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's

response are due on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC, 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gene Ives, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Management, Defense Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20585.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 3, 1998.

Theodore Wyka,

Deputy to the Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Secretary of Energy,

Washington, DC 20585

November 20, 1998.

The Honorable John T. Conway,
Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

Dear Mr. Chairman: This letter acknowledges receipt of your Recommendation 98-2, issued on September 30, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1998, dealing with Safety Management at the Pantex Plant. The Department accepts Recommendation 98-2 and will develop an Implementation Plan to the following approach:

(1) The activities undertaken in the Implementation Plan will be aimed at simplifying and standardizing activity level safety management processes for all work involving nuclear explosives at the Pantex Plant. Implementation Plan activities involving Nuclear Explosive Safety Studies will also be focused on simplification and standardization of practices and processes. Overall, the objective of the Implementation Plan will be to ensure practical and timely implementation of safety improvements and will better allow for tailoring of SS-21 principles.

(2) The Department recognizes the need to modify the existing change control process in order to improve process efficiency and consistency. An efficient process to tailor the amount of rigor involved in implementing changes while maintaining an adequate safety margin will be pursued.

(3) Roles, responsibilities and authorities will be clarified so that the Pantex contractor is accountable for the adequacy of nuclear explosive operations and safety documentation at the Pantex Plant. In doing so, the Pantex contractor will have the ability to call on the technical expertise of the National Laboratories.

(4) The Department recognizes the need to clarify the independent role of the Nuclear Explosive Safety Studies Groups. The Nuclear Explosive Safety Studies should focus on a scope of work established by line management and approved by the