

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Chicago Operations Office; Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications for Sensor and Control Technologies for Industrial Manufacturing Applications****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving applications for federal assistance to assist U.S. manufacturing industries in research, development, and demonstration projects on advanced sensor and control technologies. Each project must: (1) meet the high priority needs identified in the eight Industries of the Future (IOF) technology roadmaps. Roadmaps have been issued for each of the following eight IOF's: agriculture, aluminum, chemical, forest products, glass, metalcasting, mining, and steel; (2) have wide applicability across the IOF industries; and (3) improve energy efficiency and productivity as well as reduce the impact of U.S. manufacturing industries on the environment through a reduction in the generation of wastes and pollutants. The financial assistance applications should clearly describe how the project objectives will be achieved.

**DATES:** The complete solicitation document will be available on or about June 17, 1999, on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Operations Office Acquisition Group Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-99CH10999. Applications (in hard copy only) will be due at the DOE Chicago Operations Office no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on August 20, 1999. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted on the Internet. Please note that users will not be alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet or when amendments are posted on the Internet. Prospective applicants are therefore advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. The cooperative agreements are expected to be awarded on or about January 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-99CH10999 must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Denise Clarke, Bldg. 201, Room 3D-04, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE's Office of Industrial Technology (OIT)

supports industry efforts to increase energy efficiency, reduce waste, and increase productivity. OIT's goal is to accelerate research, development, demonstration and commercialization of energy efficient, renewable and pollution prevention technologies benefiting industry, the environment, and U.S. energy security.

As a result of this solicitation, DOE anticipates providing a total of \$1 million in FY 2000. The awards made through this solicitation will provide seed support (in the range of \$100,000 or less) for innovative research and development during the first year of a phased approach. This will allow more data or information to be generated for assessment of the likelihood of success of the proposed research and development in impacting IOF vision plans. A down-selection process will occur after the completion of the proposed Phase I research and development to determine whether a project awarded under this solicitation will continue to the next stage of development and demonstration. The down-selection process will be based on an assessment of the following: the project's progress toward meeting the Phase I performance objectives; its impact on IOF industry vision plans; and the remaining technological risks. The out-year funding from DOE/OIT, which is subject to availability of funds, shall not exceed \$400,000 per project per year; and the life cycle for awards resulting from this solicitation, from research through development and demonstration, is normally three years, with a potential extension of two additional years for exceptional quality of innovation and leap-frog advancement to sensor and control technologies.

Any non-profit or for-profit organization, university, or other institution of higher education, or non-federal agency or entity is eligible to apply. DOE National Laboratory participation as a prime participant is not allowed but is permissible as a subcontractor and is limited to no more than 50% of the total project costs for each budget period. A minimum non-federal cost-sharing commitment of 20% of the total approved budget for each budget period is required for each awardee. For demonstration projects, the minimum cost-sharing commitment is 50% of the total cost of the project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise Clarke at (630) 252-2107, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, by facsimile at (630) 252-5045 or by

electronic mail at [denise.clarke@ch.doe.gov](mailto:denise.clarke@ch.doe.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget**

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response × proposed frequency of response per year × estimated number of likely respondents.)

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before July 12, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance of Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation and Research.

2. Energy Information Administration; OMB No. 1905-0186; Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Voluntary.

3. The EIA-882T is used to conduct pretest/pilot surveys (personal visit or face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews, mail questionnaires), focus groups, and cognitive interviews. Data are used to modify questionnaires to improve the quality of data. Samples of respondents are selected to participate.

4. Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

5. 1,000 hours (4,000 respondents  $\times$  1 response per year  $\times$  .25 hours per response).

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., June 7, 1999.

**Jay H. Casselberry,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-516-001, FERC-516]

### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

June 7, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of January 28, 1999 (64 FR 4402) and has made this notification in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-516 "Electric Rate Schedule Filings"

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0173.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There are decreases to the reporting burden as a result of the implementation of Order No. 888 and an increase in the number of tariff service agreements which have reduce the preparation time for filings. This a mandatory information collection requirements and the Commission does not consider the information to be confidential.

a. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of Part 1, Sections 15, 19, 20, 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 808, 812, 813, 824d-f). A public utility must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, related contracts and service conditions, and for wholesale sales and transmission of energy in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorize to investigate the rates charges by public utilities subject to its jurisdiction. If after investigation the Commission determines that the rates, terms or conditions are "unjust and unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential," it is authorized to determine and prescribe the just and reasonable rates, terms or conditions. Either full or abbreviated cost data is required to support the proposed rate levels as part of the justification for the complete electric rate schedules. Submission of the information is necessary because of the complexity of the electric industry and the controversial nature of many of the elements of a utility's cost to provide service. Sufficient detail must be obtained for the Commission to make informed and equitable decisions concerning the appropriate level of rates, and to aid customers and other parties who wish to challenge the rate proposed by the utility. Failure to issue these requirements would mean the Commission is not meeting its statutory obligations. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts 35 and 292.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average 858 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 536,800 total burden hours, 858 respondents, 3.42 responses annually, 183 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* \$28,359,815 (536,800 hours  $\times$  \$109,889 (salary + benefits)  $\div$  2080 work hours per year)).

**Authority:** Sections 15, 19, 20, 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), (16 U.S.C. 808, 812, 813, 824d-f).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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