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Robert D. Muller,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nonproliferation and National Security University Research Initiative (NNURI)

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Research and Engineering (NN-20), of the Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (NN), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), in keeping with its mission to strengthen the Nation's capabilities in the areas of nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction and national security through the support of science, engineering and mathematics, announces its interest in receiving grant applications from academic researchers, preferably in collaborative partnerships with U.S. Department of Energy Laboratories. The purpose of this program is to expand our national capability to detect illicit nuclear proliferation activities and to attract new talent to national security research and development organizations. The DOE is seeking applications from domestic private and public institutions of higher learning to support innovative research in areas that will contribute to the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation and National Security missions.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. MDT June 18, 2001. The issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-01ID14060 will be approximately May 9, 2001.

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: The purpose of this program is to expand our national capability to detect illicit nuclear proliferation activities and to attract new talent to national security research and development organizations. The DOE is seeking applications from domestic private and public institutions of higher learning to support innovative research in areas that will contribute to the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation and National Security missions. Approximately \$600,000 in federal funds is expected to be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 3 grant awards, each with a budget of \$200,000 per year and a project performance period of three years. Additional grants may be awarded at a later date if more funding becomes available. There is a limit of one award per institution. Award of a grant under this solicitation does not commit the Government to fund any follow-on research. Successful applicants will be required to submit annual and final reports to DOE. Project performance periods are divided into budget periods. Each budget period is 12 months, beginning on the day of award. Continuation of the award into each new budget period will be based on submission of timely and informative reports; adequate progress based on reports and site visits from DOE representatives; and adequate planning for the new budget period. Planning should be based on the budget period not the fiscal or calendar year. All U.S. institutions of higher learning, whether private or public, may submit applications in response to this solicitation. DOE anticipates that federal funds provided through this solicitation will be used to support research and development (R&D) by faculty and students at institutions of higher learning. Collaboration or a close working relationship with a DOE National Laboratory is strongly encouraged; however, no award dollars can be used to fund DOE Laboratory activities.

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 May 22, 2001.

The statutory authority for this program is the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106-65).

Issued in Idaho Falls on May 9, 2001.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Event Organizer for U.S. Collegiate Solar Car Race Competitions

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Issuance of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications DE-PS36-01GO90011.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit Applications for the planning, management and conduct of a biennial collegiate competition to design, build, and race solar-powered cars in cross-country events in the United States during calendar years 2003 and 2005. The Financial Assistance award issued under this Solicitation will be a cooperative agreement.

DATES: The solicitation will be issued May 2001.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation once it is issued, interested parties must access the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations." And then locate the solicitation number identified above. DOE does not intend to issue written copies of the solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or via facsimile to Ruth E. Adams at (303) 275-4788, or electronically to ruth_adams@nrel.gov. Responses to questions will be made by Amendment and posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this solicitation, DOE is soliciting Applications for the planning, management and conduct of the 2003 and 2005 U.S. cross-country solar car race competitions. The events should focus on collegiate competitions for the advancement of solar technologies—specifically photovoltaics; educational and engineering excellence; environmental consciousness; and public awareness of the potential of emerging solar technologies. Through sponsorship of the solar car race competitions, DOE intends to promote

and encourage educational excellence and engineering creativity, and to champion the creative integration of technical and scientific expertise across a broad range of energy and transportation related disciplines in the application of solar energy resources.

Organizations applying under this solicitation are required to work in collaboration with National Laboratories and academic institutions in the development and execution of this program. No eligibility restrictions are imposed upon this solicitation; however, proposals will be screened for potential conflicts of interests where it may appear that an award Recipient could potentially gain substantial benefits or have conflicting vested interests in this program. Applicants should be able to demonstrate past experience in event planning, management, and conduct of competitions (preferably with colleges and universities) and in soliciting co-sponsorship and funding. Any award under this solicitation will be a Cooperative Agreement with a potential term of four years. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding anticipated under this solicitation will be approximately \$1,000,000 over a four-year period (\$250,000 per year or \$500,000 per event). Support for the second event will be subject to performance of the 2003 event and funding availability. DOE anticipates selecting one application for negotiation toward an award. In addition to funding the planning, management, and conduct of the events, DOE intends to lead the public outreach efforts for these competitions.

This program is not considered research, development, or demonstration; therefore, no cost share is required. However, proposed cost share levels based upon anticipated sponsorship and support for the competitions will be a major consideration for an award under this solicitation. While it is believed that program success can be achieved without cost share, DOE recognizes that an increased level of sponsorship above that provided by DOE would enhance the impact of these solar competitions.

Applications under this Solicitation must provide a comprehensive plan for the management and conduct of the 2003 and 2005 biennial collegiate solar car race competitions including a plan for obtaining co-sponsorship and support for each event. A critical component of the Applicant's proposal will be their demonstrated ability to organize these events and demonstrated success in securing co-sponsorship and

support for similar collegiate competitions.

Applications submitted by Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's), as defined by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 35.017, will not be considered for award. All questions concerning this Solicitation must be submitted in writing to: Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or transmitted via facsimile to Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at (303) 275-4788 or electronically to ruth_adams@nrel.gov.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 4, 2001.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: Bonneville intends to prepare an EIS on the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 75-mile-long 500-kilovolt transmission line in Benton and Klickitat Counties, Washington, and Umatilla and Sherman Counties, Oregon. The new line would start at Bonneville's McNary Substation in Oregon and would cross the Columbia River just north of the substation into Washington. The line would then proceed west for about 70 miles along the Columbia River. At the John Day Dam, the line would again cross the Columbia River into Oregon and terminate at Bonneville's John Day Substation. The new line would parallel existing transmission lines for the entire length. Bonneville has available right-of-way next to those lines; the new line would be within the available right-of-way wherever feasible. The proposed McNary-John Day line is needed to help move power from east to west. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, Bonneville will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment as

necessary to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplains and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the EIS being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: Written comments are due to the address below no later than June 18, 2001. Comments may also be made at the EIS scoping meetings to be held on May 23 and 24, 2001, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the addresses below.

ADDRESSES: Send letters with comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS, and requests to be placed on the project mailing list, to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications—KC-7, PO Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. You may also call Bonneville's toll-free comment line at 1-800-622-4519, and leave a message (please include the name of this project); or send an e-mail to: comment@bpa.gov.

On Wednesday, May 23, 2001, a scoping meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Paterson School, 51409 West Prior Road, Paterson, Washington. On Thursday, May 24, 2001, a scoping meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Roosevelt School, 615 Chinook Avenue, Roosevelt, Washington. At these informal meetings, we will provide information about the project, including maps, and have several members of the project team available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lou Driessen, Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—TNP-3, PO Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-5525; or e-mail lcdriessen@bpa.gov. You may also contact Stacy Mason, Environmental Coordinator, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, PO Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-5455; or e-mail slmason@bpa.gov. Additional information can be found at Bonneville's web site: www.efw.bpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Presently, the existing transmission lines between McNary and John Day substations are operating at capacity. These lines help move power from the east side of the Cascades to the west side, where there is a high need for electricity (cities along the I-5 corridor). Because the Northwest is short on power, there are many new proposals for facilities to generate new power. Some of these generation facilities are in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line. The new