DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability—Record of Decision (ROD) for the Northern Training Complex With a Multi-Purpose Digital Training Range and Expanded Maneuver Areas, Drop Zones and Landing Zones at Fort Know, KY

AGENCY: U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a ROD has been prepared for the construction and operation of a multi-purpose digital training range and a series of maneuver areas, drop zones and landing zones at Fort Knox. As soon as practical, the Army will begin to construct and operate the facilities described as the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2). Although Alternative 2 has significant environmental impacts, all feasible measures will be used to mitigate the impacts. Alternative 2 is the only course of action that will provide a multi-functional war fighting capability to meet the Army's current and future training needs for soldiers in urban and restricted terrain combat scenarios and the new digital technology to support the M1A2 System Enhancement Package (SEP) Main Battle Tank. All practical mitigation measures are listed in the ROD.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties desiring to review the ROD may obtain a copy by contacting: Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Base Operations Support, U.S. Army Armor Center, ATTN: ATK–OSE (Mrs. Pollock), Building 1110, Room 216, Ironsides & 6th Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121–5000 or by sending electronic mail to: *Linda.Pollock@knox.army.mil.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Al Freeland or Mrs. Gail Pollock, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Base Operations Support, U.S. Army Armor Center, ATTN: ATZK–OSE, Building 1110, Room 216, Ironsides & 6th Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121–5000; by phone at (502) 624–3629 or by fax at (502) 624–3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project includes upgrading an existing training range to a modern digitized multi-purpose training range; construction of a series of landing zones, drop zones and maneuver areas and a grassed mock C130 landing strip; upgrade of existing roads; installation of fiber optics and other infrastructure improvements. The facilities would prepare the mounted force warriors for full spectrum combat operations. The proposed facilities would fully support new equipment training such as the M1A2 Main Battle Tank (MBT) System Enhancement Package (SEP), the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and the Stryker family of vehicles, as well as other enhanced vehicles requiring digital capability. These vehicles are equipped with a dynamic new computer system that uses digital technology to provide soldiers with on the move and instantaneous battlefield communications.

Public reading copies of the ROD are available at the following locations: Barr Library; 400 Quartermaster Street, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121–5000 and Ridgeway Memorial Library, 127 North Walnut Street, P.O. Box 146, Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165.

Dated: September 16, 2002.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA(I&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 22, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 17, 2002.

Joseph Schubart,

Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 225.

Burden Hours: 2,250.

Abstract: GAANN grantees must submit a performance report annually. The reports are used to evaluate grantee performance. Further, the data from the reports will be aggregated to evaluate the accomplishments and impact of the GAANN Program as a whole. Results will be reported to the Secretary in order to respond to Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov*, by selecting the ''Browse Pending Collections'' link and by clicking on link number 2055. When you access the information collection, click on ''Download Attachments '' to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional

Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651 or to the e-mail address *vivian_reese@ed.gov.* Requests may also be electronically mailed to the e-mail address *OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address *Joe.Schubart@ed.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Financial Assistance Solicitation for Research and Development for Fuel Cells for Stationary and Automotive Applications

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing its intention to solicit applications for financial assistance for cost shared research and development of technologies that will enhance research and development in fuel cell technology. The DOE Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies seeks industry cost-shared projects that address research needs in building fuel cell systems; fuel cells for back up power; materials for high temperature membranes; fuel cell component durability; water and thermal management; fuel processing; and catalysts.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on DOE's ''Industry Interactive Procurement System'' (IIPS) Web page located at *http://e-center.doe.gov* under the ''HELP'' section of the web site. Applicants must register in IIPS prior to submitting an application. Only registered users will have the capability to transmit their applications in a responsive matter. Applicants are strongly encouraged to register with IIPS as soon as possible prior to the application deadline. All applications must have an IIPS transmission stamp of not later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 27, 2002. Applicants are advised to begin transmission 24 hours in advance of the deadline in order to prevent any transmission difficulties.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation and any subsequent amendments will be published on the above mentioned Internet address. All applications shall be submitted through IIPS in accordance with the instructions provided in the solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadine Kijak at (630) 252–2508; by mail at U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439–4899; by facsimile at (630) 252–5045; or by electronic mail at *Nadine.Kijak@ch.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The combined residential and commercial Buildings sector accounts for approximately 36% of the U.S. primary energy consumption and between 30% and 40% of all airborne emissions. These factors are the driving force behind DOE's efforts to develop high efficiency polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM) fuel cell power systems as an alternative power source to grid-based electricity for buildings. The Buildings sector provides a diverse set of application requirements over a wide power range that can be met by PEM fuel cell systems. DOE seeks applications from qualified developers of PEM fuel cell power systems to develop and test a stationary fuel cell power system for a market-driven building application that simultaneously addresses DOE priorities of lowering energy consumption and emissions. Also included in the solicitation are cross-cutting areas which apply to fuel cell technology for stationary and transportation applications, such as high temperature membranes, durability, and catalysts.

A workshop was held on April 10–11, 2002 regarding Fuel Cells for Buildings and Stationary Applications. The proceedings from this workshop are available on the following web site: *http://www.eren.doe.gov/hydrogen/,* under the ''What's New'' section. A summary of the research and development work regarding Fuel Cells for Transportation Applications is available on the following Web site:

- *http://www.cartech.doe.gov/research/fuelcells/index.html,* under
- 2001 Annual Progress Report: Transportation Fuel Cell Power Systems, Part 1 (*6Mb pdf*)
- 2001 Annual Progress Report: Transportation Fuel Cell Power Systems, Part 2 (*5Mb pdf*)

Research and Development Solicitation Topics: Responsive projects will cross-cut several technological and methodological roadmap areas including, but not limited to, the development of a stationary PEM fuel cell power system for buildings, development of a back-up fuel cell system; PEM stack durability; development of materials for high temperature membranes; reduction of membrane cost; fuel processing; water and thermal management; fuel cell demonstration; platinum recycling; and development of non-precious metal catalysts and a fuel cell economic analysis.

Type and Number of Anticipated Awards: Awards under this solicitation will be cooperative agreements with a term of up to five years. Subject to the availability of funds, DOE is planning to allocate approximately $7 million in fiscal year 2003 for the selected projects. It is estimated that up to 20 projects may be selected for cost-shared cooperative agreements. Subject to the availability of funds, total estimated Government funding for the solicitation is approximately $70 million for the maximum five-year period.

Application Requirements: Where the nature of the work demands multi-disciplinary expertise, teaming arrangements are preferred. For the development of a stationary fuel cell power system and the fuel cell demonstration topics, at least one partner of the multi-partner team is required to be a utility. For the back-up fuel cell system topic, at least one partner of the multi-partner team is required to be the host organization for the field test. For the improvement of high temperature membranes topic, at least one partner of the multi-partner team is required to be a university.

To be eligible for award under this solicitation, applicants will be required to contribute a non-federal cost share of 20–50% of the yearly project costs to be incurred under the proposed project, depending upon specific topic area selected, as specified in the solicitation. Prior costs incurred (*i.e.*, costs to conduct prior research or development, patents, or to develop technical reports under previous research efforts) should not be proposed and will not be considered as cost share.

In addition to the foregoing, other evaluation and selection criteria will be identified in the solicitation. DOE solicitation and selection procedures are set forth in 10 CFR 600. The full text of 10 CFR part 600 Financial Assistance Rules are located at *http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_00/10cfr600_00.html.*

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS,