

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Inventions and Innovation Funding Opportunity Announcement**

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of Inventions and Innovation (I&I) funding opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is announcing its intention to fund a competitive grant program entitled the Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program. The goals of the I&I Program are to improve energy efficiency through the promotion of innovative ideas and inventions that have a significant, potential energy impact and a potential, future commercial market. Innovative technologies that fit within the scope of the EERE mission and programs are of particular interest to I&I. EERE offices include: (1) Biomass Program; (2) Building Technologies Program; (3) Distributed Energy & Electric Reliability Program; (4) FreedomCAR & Vehicle Technologies Program; (5) Geothermal Technologies Program; (6) Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, & Infrastructure Technologies Program; (7) Industrial Technologies Program; (8) Solar Energy Technology Program; (9) Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program; and (10) Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program.

DOE will provide financial assistance of up to \$50,000 for Category 1 projects, up to \$250,000 for Category 2 projects, and up to \$500,000 for up to one Category 3 project. Category 1, 2, and 3 projects fall within the "conceptual," "developmental," and "demonstration" stages of development, respectively. Grant awards cover a project period of up to one year for Category 1, two years for Category 2, and three years for Category 3.

Up to \$1.6 million dollars in funding is available for Fiscal Year 2004. DOE reserves the right to fund in whole or in part any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

DATES: The Funding Opportunity Announcement is expected to be issued on or about March 5, 2004. The pre-application period is expected to open on or about March 5, 2004 and close on or about March 25, 2004. The full application period is expected to open on or about May 25, 2004 and close on or about June 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the Announcement, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field

Office Home Page at <http://www.go.doe.gov/funding.html>, click on the word "access." The link will open the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site and provide instructions on using IIPS. The Announcement can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing opportunities by Contract Activity, for those Announcements issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the Announcement.

IIPS provides the medium for disseminating Announcements, receiving financial assistance applications, and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. The application may be submitted in IIPS by the applicant or a designated representative that receives authorization from the applicant; however, the application documentation must reflect the name and title of the representative authorized to enter the applicant into a legally binding contract or agreement. The applicant or the designated representative must first register in IIPS, entering their first name and last name, and then entering the company name/address of the applicant. For questions regarding the operation of IIPS, contact the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wise, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or via facsimile to Melissa Wise at (303) 275-4788 or electronically to goii@go.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Eligibility for this assistance is restricted to applications from the following: (1) Individuals that are either native-born or naturalized U.S. citizens or (2) small businesses (as defined by the Small Business Administration) that are incorporated and operating in the U.S. and that conduct at least 50% of the effort. National Laboratories are not eligible to submit applications for grant funding but may perform part of the work on a Category 3 project only. National Laboratories may not perform more than 49% of the work and payment to the labs must come from the applicants' portion of cost share, not from federal funds.

Individual inventors and very small businesses (15 or fewer employees) are especially encouraged to apply for funding.

To be considered for a Category 2 award, a bench-scale model and/or other preliminary investigations must be complete. Only Category 1 and 2 projects that conclude in a technological

stage of development that meets the requirements of a Category 3, "Production-Scale Commercial Demonstration" project will be considered. The goal of the Category 3 grant is the completion of a full production-scale commercial demonstration of a completed Category 1 or 2 I&I project within the United States. To be eligible for this grant, it must be a prior Category 1 or 2 award recipient and all research and development activities must already be completed with successful test results. DOE anticipates the Category 3 award may cover a project period of up to three years. The demonstration must be conducted long enough to gather sufficient data to determine the energy and economic impacts. At the end of the project, the technology or process must be demonstrated and ready for commercialization.

More than one application may be submitted by an applicant for different innovations. However, funding will be limited to one award per applicant, per cycle. Also more than one organization may be involved in an application as long as the lead organization and lead financial assistance management responsibilities are defined. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the I&I Program is 81.036. Cost sharing by applicants and/or cooperating participants is not required for Category 1 or 2 awards but is highly encouraged. Category 3 projects carry a 50% cost share requirement. In addition to direct financial contributions, cost sharing can include beneficial services or items such as manpower, equipment, consultants, and computer time that are allowable in accordance with applicable cost principles.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 5, 2004.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that

public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 1, 2004, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: College Hill Library, Room L268, Front Range Community College, 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 10808 Highway 93, Unit B, Building 60, Room 107B, Golden, CO 80403; telephone (303) 966-7855; fax (303) 966-7856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1. Board Discussion and Approval of Recommendations on the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

2. Board Education Session on Groundwater Modeling.

3. Other Board business may be conducted as necessary.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the office of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 10808 Highway 93, Unit B, Building 60, Room 107B, Golden, CO 80403; telephone (303) 966-7855. Hours of operations are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Board meeting minutes are posted on RFCAB's Web site within one month following each meeting at: <http://www.rfcab.org/Minutes.HTM>.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 9, 2004.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," form EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ (short form) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a one-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

DATES: Comments must be filed by April 14, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within that period, you should contact the OMB Desk Officer for DOE listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202) 395-7285 is recommended. The mailing address is 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202) 287-1705 or e-mail

grace.sutherland@eia.doe.gov is recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Ms. Sutherland may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection

numbers and title; (2) the sponsor (*i.e.*, the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (*i.e.*, new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (*i.e.*, mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (*i.e.*, the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms EIA-1605 and 1605EZ, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases"

2. Energy Information Administration

3. OMB Number 1905-0194

4. One-year extension to an existing approved request

5. Voluntary

6. EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ forms are designed to collect voluntarily reported data on greenhouse gas emissions, achieved reductions of these emissions, and carbon fixation. Data are used to establish a publicly available database. Respondents are participants in a domestic or foreign activity that either reduces greenhouse gas emissions or increases sequestration.

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

8. 7,940 hours (230 respondents \times 1 response per year \times 34.5 hours per response).

Please refer to the supporting statement as well as the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses (including possible nonstatistical uses) of the information. For instructions on obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

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Jay H. Casselberry,

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

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