Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat\_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708–8196. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section** 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: April 30, 1998.

#### Hazel Fiers,

Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

## Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Safe and Drug-Free School
Recognition Program.

Abstract: The Safe and Drug-Free School Recognition Program will identify schools that are doing an exemplary job of creating safe schools and will provide a brief description of what each school is doing.

Additional Information: In December, 1997, President Clinton directed the Department of Education and the Department of Justice to produce an annual report on school safety. A draft outline of the report was released in late February. A key component of the proposed report will be a description of effective models for safe schools. A mechanism for identifying and assessing the quality and effectiveness of schoolbased models will be this Recognition Program. Therefore, the Department is requesting an emergency clearance by May 4, 1998 in order to meet the request from the White House. Failure to recognize these schools in time for the report may result in having no guidance to offer as a counter balance to information on crime and violence statistics in schools.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 130.

Burden Hours: 2,760.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE-PS07-98ID13651— Industrial Process Control With Laser-Based Ultrasonics

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE. **SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for costshared research and development of Laser-Based Ultrasonic technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the steel industry. The objective of the solicitation is to develop and use an integrated laser ultrasonic system for inprocess manufacturing applications in the U.S. steel industry. A workshop on Industrial Applications of Laser Ultrasonics held December 9 and 10, 1997, identified significant applications of laser ultrasonic techniques in industrial process monitoring and control. These applications, generally encompassing manufacturing processes in all IOF industries, include measurement of temperature, thickness, and material properties (stress, defects, and other intrinsic physical parameters). The Workshop addressed current status and future research and development needs in laser ultrasonic techniques as well as barriers for technology use. Two of the primary barriers identified in the Workshop will be addressed by this solicitation; they are (1) development of an integrated sensor system to combine the use of laser ultrasonics with other measurement tools to meet the inprocess monitoring requirements for accuracy and reproducibility and (2) installation and use of this integrated system in an industrial process demonstrating the cost-savings utility to the industry. A total of \$1,500,000 in federal funds (\$550,000 in fiscal year 1998, \$500,000 in fiscal year 1999, and \$450,000 in fiscal year 2000) is expected to be available to fund this effort. DOE anticipates making a single award with a duration of three years or less. A minimum of 30% non-federal cost-share is required for research and development and a minimum of 50% non-federal cost-share is required for later demonstration and process evaluation. Collaborations between industry, university, and Federal Laboratory participants are encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: T. Wade Hillebrant, Contract Specialist; Procurement Services Division; U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401–1563; telephone (208) 526–0547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086. The solicitation text has been posted on the ID Procurement Services Division home page, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address at http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/ solicit.html. This site also includes a link to the report of the workshop on Industrial Applications of Laser Ultrasonics The Application Instruction package forms (Nos. 1 through 6 and 7 if applicable) may be accessed at http:/ /www.id.doe.gov/doeid/ application.html. Sources intending to propose must send a notice of intent to propose to Mr. Hillebrant (point of contact listed above). Hard copies of the solicitation and the application forms may also be requested from Mr. Hillebrant.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on April 20, 1998.

## Michael Adams,

Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[FE Docket Nos. 98–10–NG, 98–14–NG, 97– 06–NG, 96–92–NG, 98–18–NG, 98–21–NG, 98–22–NG, 98–23–NG, 95–11–NG, 98–24– NG]

Office of Fossil Energy; Kimball Energy Corporation, et al.; Orders Granting, Amending and Vacating Blanket Authorizations To Import and/ or Export Natural Gas

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting,

amending and vacating various natural gas import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at http://www.fe.doe.gov., or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586–7853.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Docket Room 3E–033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586–9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 23, 1998.

### John W. Glynn,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

Attachment

# APPENDIX—IMPORT/EXPORT BLANKET AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED AND AMENDED

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		
			Import vol- ume	Export volume	Comments
1365	03/03/98	Kimball Energy Corporation 98–10–NG	75 Bcf		Import from Canada beginning on April 1, 1998, through March 31, 2000.
1366	03/05/98	Duke Energy LNG Marketing and Management Company 98–14–NG.	700 Bcf		Import LNG from various international sources beginning on the date of first shipment.
1240-B	03/06/98	CXY Energy Marketing (U.S.A.) Inc. 97–06–NG.			Authority vacated.
1228–A	03/06/98	CXY Energy Marketing (U.S.A.) Inc. (Formerly Wascana Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.) 96–92–NG.			Name change.
1368	03/19/98	POCÓ Marketing LTD. 98–18–NG	250 Bcf		Import from Canada beginning April 1, 1998, through March 31, 2000.
1369	03/19/98	Tristar Gas Marketing Company 98–21–NG	20 Bcf		Import and export up to a combined total from and to Mexico beginning on April 1, 1998, through March 31, 2000.
1370	03/20/98	Tractebel Energy Marketing, Inc. 98–22–NG	24 Bcf		Import and export up to a combined total from and to Canada beginning on the date of first import or export delivery.
1371	03/25/98	The Brooklyn Union Gas Company 98–23–NG.	50 Bcf		Import from Canada beginning on date of first delivery.
1026–A	03/26/98	Black Hills Energy Resources, Inc. (Formerly Wickford Energy Marketing, Inc.) 95–11–NG.			Name change.
1372	03/31/98	Williams Energy Services Company 98–24–NG.	400	Bcf	Import and export up to a combined total from and to Mexico beginning on April 1, 1998, through March 31, 2000.