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Abstract: The information collection is necessary to provide guidance to schools, local educational agencies, and state educational agencies, on submission of requests for waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA NO: 84.031]

Reopening of Closing Date for Receipt of Applications for Designation as an Eligible Institution for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998, Eligibility for the Part A Strengthening Institutions and Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program

SUMMARY: On November 13, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 60988-60989) that established a closing date for transmittal of applications for the FY 1998 designation of eligible institutions for the Part A Strengthening Institutions and Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the closing date for the transmittal of applications and to allow applicants additional time to establish eligibility for purposes of receiving a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirement under the Federal Work Study (FWS) or Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

Some institutions were unable to meet the established deadline date for submitting eligibility applications to obtain FWS or FSEOG program waivers. Under the reopened eligibility process, these institutions may apply for designation as an eligible institution under Title III, Part A of the HEA. *Eligibility designation will only be for the purpose of qualifying for a waiver of the non-Federal share requirements of FWS and FSEOG programs.*

Institutions will be notified of the outcome of the reopening of the closing date by *November 30, 1998.*

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 16, 1998.

Applications Available: August 14, 1998.

For Applications or Information Contact: Strengthening Institutions Program, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 600

Independence Avenue, S.W., (Suite CY-80, Portals Building), Washington, DC 20202-5335. Telephones: (202) 708-8816, 708-8839 or 708-8866.

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Note: The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

(Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057, 1059c and 1065a).

Dated: August 21, 1998.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office; Office of Utility Technologies (OUT); Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications for Financial Assistance for Joint Implementation, and Other Supporting Mechanisms and Measures for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: This Department of Energy (DOE) solicitation is for financial assistance applications to provide technical expertise and assistance in areas related to the development of institutional and human capacity for implementing provisions in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), regarding Joint Implementation (JI), and complementary policies and measures for reducing greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions or enhancing the uptake of such emissions. This financial assistance effort will support the U.S. Initiative on Joint Implementation (USII). This activity will provide technical assistance to key, Annex I and non-Annex I countries. Its purpose is to (a) advance joint implementation projects and (b) complete sector specific analyses to enable developing countries to take steps towards meaningful participation for greenhouse gas reduction.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about August 17, 1998, on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Operations Office Acquisition and Assistance Group Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE10949. Applications are due on or about August 31, 1998. Awards are anticipated by September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE10949 must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Roberta D. Schroeder, Bldg. 201, Room 3E-15, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Schroeder at (630) 252-2708, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899; by facsimile at (630) 252-5045; or by electronic mail at roberta.schroeder@ch.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result of this solicitation, DOE anticipates

providing a total of \$716,265 dollars in FY 98 for the award of up to 3 cooperative agreements with a period of performance of approximately 3 years. DOE anticipates funding projects in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in each of the out years, however, DOE funding for the out years is yet to be determined. For multi-year projects, there will be an evaluation of the project's progress near the end of each year to determine whether to continue, redirect, or discontinue funding the project.

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 subcontractor is limited to 50% of the total project costs for each budget period. A minimum non-federal cost-sharing commitment of 10% of the total project cost for each budget period is required.

Issued in Argonne, Illinois on August 18, 1998.

John D. Greenwood,

Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-718 IC98-718-000]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

August 24, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for Office of Management and Budget Emergency Processing of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), and 5 CFR 1320.13 of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is providing notice of its request to OMB for emergency processing of a proposed collection of information and soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: The Commission requests that responses to this proposed information collection be filed with the Commission by early September 1998. Comments on the proposed information collection request will be due by August 26, 1998.

FERC-718 responses should be filed with the Office of the Secretary and should refer to Docket No. [IC98-718-000].

Because the Commission has requested OMB to process the proposed collection of information in Docket No. IC98-718-000 on an emergency basis, comments on this collection of information should be filed with OMB, attention FERC Desk Officer, as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William A. Meroney, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1069.

G. Patrick Rooney, Office of Electric Power Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 501-5546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. CIPS can be accessed via Internet through FERC's Homepage (<http://www.ferc.fed.us>) using the CIPS Link or the Energy Information Online icon. The full text of this document will be available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 6.1 format. User assistance is available at 202-208-2474 or by E-mail to CipsMaster@FERC.fed.us. CIPS is also available through the Commission's electronic bulletin board service at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing 202-208-1397, if dialing locally, or 1-800-856-3920, if dialing long distance. To access CIPS, set your communications software to 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, or 1200 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit. User assistance is available at 202-208-2474.

This document is also available through the Commission's Records and Information Management System (RIMS), an electronic storage and retrieval system of documents submitted to and issued by the Commission after November 16, 1981. Documents from November 1995 to the present can be

viewed and printed. RIMS is available in the Public Reference Room or remotely via Internet through FERC's Homepage using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. User assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-mail to RimsMaster@FERC.fed.us.

Finally, the complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation. La Dorn Systems Corporation is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Background

During the week of June 22, 1998, unprecedented electric price increases occurred in the Midwest. As a result of these "price spikes", petitions for emergency relief were filed with the Commission under Docket No. EL98-53-000. The information collected under the requests of FERC-718 "Sales and Purchase Information during Midwest Price Spike" (OMB Control No. to be assigned) is in response to those petitions and will be used by the Commission to determine how the wholesale electric markets were affected by price increases. The information obtained from this information collection request will be used as part of the Commission's efforts to monitor and facilitate the electric industry's transition from a regulated to a competitive market. The hourly data reflected in the proposed request will identify the sellers and buyers, the actual price and amount of energy purchased and sold and whether there were any attempts on the part of some market participants to manipulate the market during late June.

The Commission's role is to lead the electric power industry through the revolutionary transition to greater competitiveness and fewer regulatory guarantees, which will also entail a change from one style of regulation based on accounting costs to one which relies on a flourishing competitive market to discipline wholesale generation prices. It is critical that the Commission ensure a fair and orderly transition from regulation to competition. The Commission is authorized to implement the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act, (16 U.S.C. 791a-825r). Under the FPA, the Commission oversees wholesale electric rates and service standards, as well as transmission of electricity in interstate commerce. The Commission uses its ratemaking authority to ensure that wholesale power rates and transmission rates are just and reasonable and not