

analyses of noise, electromagnetic interference, lasers, light emissions and light pollution, radio astronomy interference, and Global Positioning System interference); an integrated natural resource management plan; chaff analysis; and cumulative impacts analysis. TSDs may be prioritized by immediate need, schedule, or availability of funding.

The entire text of the White Sands Missile Range ROD and the Executive Summary of the EIS can be found on the White Sands Missile Range home page at <http://www.wsmr.army.mil>. To find these documents access the Public Info part of the pager and then click on the Environmental button and choose the desired document.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

**Raymond J. Fatz,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Postsecondary Education; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Correction Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 26, 1998, a notice inviting comment from the public was published on page 57108 for the Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Program Master Promissory Note. This notice corrects the title from "Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Program Master Promissory Note" to "Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Program Promissory Note".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [PatSherrill@ed.gov](mailto:PatSherrill@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

**Kent H. Hannaman,**

*Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 7, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Werfeld@al.eop.gov](mailto:Werfeld@al.eop.gov). Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [PatSherrill@ed.gov](mailto:PatSherrill@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 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 Leader,

Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

**Kent H. Hannaman,**

*Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Application for Grants Under Bilingual Education: Career Ladder Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 200; Burden hours: 24,000.

*Abstract:* The Department needs and uses this information to make grants. The respondents are local educational agencies, State educational agencies and institutions of higher education and are required to provide this information in applying for grants.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE); Program Announcement LAB NE-99-1 Nuclear Energy Research Initiative

**AGENCY:** Oakland Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Nuclear Energy Research Initiative Program Announcement LAB NE-99-1.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, is interested in receiving field work proposals for innovative scientific and engineering research and development in the field of nuclear energy as part of the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI). NERI is designed to support innovative research that can address the principal technical and scientific obstacles to future use of nuclear power in the U.S. NERI is also intended to reinvigorate the vital nuclear scientific and engineering infrastructure within U.S. universities, industry and DOE national laboratories.

This Program Announcement applies only to field work proposals from DOE National Laboratories that are the sole or lead performer organization of the proposed work. Where the laboratories are included in collaborative arrangements with other nonfederal organizations, but not as the lead performers, the proposals should be submitted in response to a separate Solicitation, DE-PS03-99SF21764, being issued simultaneously with this Program Announcement.

**DATES:** Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply (Attachment A). Refer to the paragraph on the Designation of Field(s) of Proposed Work in this Program Announcement to identify the contemplated field of R&D in Attachment A. The notice should be faxed to Denise Berry, Department of Energy at (510) 637-2025 by November 13, 1998. This Notice of Intent in no way obligates an organization to submit a field work proposal, and failure to submit the Notice of Intent in no way prevents an organization from submitting a field work proposal.

Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a brief preproposal. All preproposals, responding to Program Announcement LAB NE-99-1 should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M. P.S.T. November 20, 1998. A response encouraging or discouraging a formal field work proposal will be communicated to the applicant by December 11, 1998. Notification of a favorable preproposal is not an indication that an award will be made in response to the field work proposal.

The deadline for receipt of the formal field work proposal is 4:30 P.M. P.S.T. January 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All preproposals and field work proposals responding to Program Announcement LAB NE-99-1 should be sent to Denise Berry, U.S. Department of

Energy, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, California 94612-5208, Attn: Program Announcement LAB NE-99-1.

An original and five copies of the preproposal should be submitted by United States Postal Service including Express Mail or commercial mail delivery service, or should be hand carried by the applicant to the address stated above. Preproposals will not be accepted by fax or electronic mail.

An original and seven copies of the field work proposal should be submitted by United States Postal Service including Express Mail or commercial mail delivery service, or should be hand carried by the applicant to the address stated above. Field work proposals will not be accepted by fax or electronic mail.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Eligibility**

This program announcement invites field work proposals from DOE national laboratories acting as the sole or lead performer organization.

##### **Awards**

It is anticipated that awards will be made in Fiscal Year 1999. Field work proposals will be funded yearly, contingent upon the availability of funds. Up to a total of \$19 million of Government Fiscal Year 1999 Federal funds are available for awards under this Program Announcement and the complementary grants and cooperative agreements Solicitation (to universities or other institutions of higher learning, industry, non-profit and R&D organizations, and DOE national laboratories that are not participating as the lead organization). Funding for individual research awards is expected to be up to \$1 million per year with typical awards in the range of \$100,000 to \$400,000 per year. Collaborative research projects involving two or more organizations may receive larger awards, if merited. The period of performance for individual projects is expected to be up to 3 years.

DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the field work proposals submitted in response to this Program Announcement.

##### **Background**

In January 1997, the President requested his Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) to review the current national energy research and development (R&D) portfolio, and provide a strategy to insure the U.S. has a program to address the Nation's energy and environmental needs for the next century.

In its November 1997 report responding to this request, the PCAST Energy Research and Development Panel determined that assuring a viable nuclear energy option to help meet our future energy needs is important, and that a properly focused R&D effort should be implemented by the Department of Energy to address the principal obstacles to achieving this option. These obstacles include issues involving nuclear waste, proliferation, economics, and safety. The Panel recommended addressing technologies that include, but are not limited to, work on proliferation-resistant reactors or fuel cycles; new reactor designs for improved performance, reduced cost, and enhanced safety to compete in the global market; lower output power reactors for applications where larger reactors may not be advantageous; and nuclear waste. The PCAST report can be viewed on the NERI web page at <http://neri.ne.doe.gov>.

In response to these recommendations, the Department has proposed the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI), composed of projects selected from individual or collaborative applications or field work proposals from universities, DOE national laboratories, industry, R&D, and non-profit organizations. To assist in defining the NERI Program, a workshop was convened in Washington, D.C. on April 23-24, 1998, attended by over 120 researchers, scientists, and engineers representing these organizations. The workshop focused primarily on the nuclear R&D topics recommended by PCAST, and served to identify promising areas of R&D to implement these recommendations and related recommendations from the workshop. The workshop results, as reported on the NERI web page, <http://neri.ne.doe.gov>, have been of fundamental importance in developing the program defined in this Program Announcement. Respondents are encouraged to refer to the NERI Workshop Report prior to developing a field work proposal.

##### **Objective**

The NERI program is intended to conduct R&D to meet the following objectives:

- Address and help overcome the principal technical and scientific obstacles to expanded future use of nuclear energy in the U.S., including the issues involving resistance to proliferation, unfavorable economics and nuclear waste disposition;
- Advance the state of nuclear technology to maintain a competitive

position in overseas markets and a future domestic market.

- Promote and maintain a nuclear science and engineering to meet future technical challenges, and
- Improve the performance, efficiency, reliability, economics, and other attributes to enhance nuclear energy applications.

#### **Scope of Work**

The Department of Energy is seeking field work proposals for new and innovative science and engineering research, development, concepts, and/or experimental projects in the nuclear energy and supporting fields that will contribute significantly to meeting the NERI program objectives. The following paragraphs identify areas for which field work proposals are solicited. However, researchers may propose projects in other related areas that are consistent with the NERI objectives. In formulating proposed projects, the current state of development in the areas to be investigated should be recognized, such as by citing references, to avoid repeating work already accomplished.

#### ***Proliferation Resistant Reactors and Fuel Technology***

Increased knowledge is required to enable incorporation of proliferation resistance in the design, development, and deployment of new reactor systems. Proposals are solicited in scientific and engineering research to improve the proliferation resistance of reactors and fuel systems. Possible research areas include, but are not limited to, investigation, and conceptual development to establish feasibility and attributes of reactor systems, fuel systems and/or alternative or modified reactor and fuel cycle concepts; material protection, and control; and techniques that minimize generation of plutonium and waste-by-products, restrict physical access to fuel materials while in the reactor, or increase the energy extraction from and utilization of plutonium and other actinides generated in the fuel.

There is an inherent need for an increase in the understanding of the basic behavior of irradiated materials; for science and engineering research that impacts fuel preparations and recycle or alternate means of spent fuel treatment; and for basic materials research to support understanding of fuel structure changes during irradiation, as it relates to the advancement of proliferation resistant reactors and fuel cycles.

#### ***New Reactor Designs***

This program element involves scientific and engineering investigation

and development, to the extent needed to establish feasibility and attributes, of promising reactor concepts in the following areas:

- Reactors to Achieve Improved Performance/Higher Efficiency and Reduced Costs

Advances in understanding of reactor systems and components are required to achieve a significant improvement in performance and economics for the next generation of reactors. Innovative reactor and power conversion concepts are needed which offer the prospects of higher efficiency, improved performance, design simplification, enhanced safety, and low cost. Increased knowledge is required to support enabling technologies. Research areas of interest include, but are not limited to development of reactor design advancements and alternative reactor core concepts, passive safe systems and components, development of innovative reactor concepts for electrical, non-electrical or co-generation purposes and advanced system or component design concepts, advanced instrumentation and controls, and work to evaluate direct energy conversion technologies such as thermoelectric conversion systems. Proposed projects should address, among other items, the characteristics, principal attributes, feasibility, safety features, proliferation resistance, economic competitiveness, and identification of other research that may be required.

- Low Output Power Reactors

New concepts and supporting knowledge are required to support development of small, possibly compact, and easily deployable reactors either for uses in developing countries or for specialized applications. Potential applications include electrical power generation, process heating, medical isotope production, or nuclear research. Research in science and engineering is expected to focus on concepts, characteristics, principal attributes, feasibility, safety features, proliferation resistance and underlying technologies rather than on full reactor systems design.

Science and engineering research of crucial importance to new reactor designs is dependent on the particular reactor application being explored. Examples include, but are not limited to, basic material degradation and corrosion sciences impacting both operation and applications; increased understanding of the behavior of fluid systems at elevated temperatures; modern high-temperature materials for reactor structural components; innovative non-destructive evaluation methods for system and component

monitoring; development and application of risk-based design tools for pre-deployment predictions of performance and reliability; modern computational and modeling methods; incorporation of inherent safety features; automation of reactor system operation; radiation damage and metallurgy of long-lived fuels and other components; science and engineering effort to support alternative energy conversion methods.

#### ***Advanced Nuclear Fuels***

Research and development is needed to provide measurable improvements in the understanding and performance of nuclear fuel with respect to safety, waste production, proliferation resistance, and economics to enhance the long-term viability of nuclear energy systems. Appropriate topics include, but are not limited to innovative concepts for material preparation and production of nuclear fuels; enhanced fuel design safety; innovation in fuel composition or other attributes that maximize energy production, optimize fissile material utilization, or reduce production costs.

Proposals are solicited in scientific and engineering research that encompass an evaluation over the entire nuclear fuel cycle utilizing knowledge gained over the past several decades on the technical characteristics of recycling systems, as well as in monitoring and controlling fissionable materials, but not being bound by technologies and facilities currently available. This work is basic to innovative reactor concepts, proliferation resistance, and advanced fuels. Results are expected to define gaps in current knowledge and hence identify areas requiring further work.

#### ***New Technologies for Management of Nuclear Waste***

Paramount to public acceptance of nuclear technology is development of concepts and supporting knowledge required for reliable approaches to management and storage of spent fuels and associated wastes. Appropriate research topics include, but are not limited to, new concepts for on-site or interim surface storage; chemistry and materials science to develop understanding of the behavior of spent fuel for time periods consistent with on-site surface storage requirements; strategies for reduction in high level waste volume; research in surface chemistry and physics to understand and ameliorate corrosion processes at all pertinent interfaces; engineering research to support beneficial use of spent fuel and associated wastes.

Proposals in this area are expected to complement, and not duplicate,

research activities supported by the Offices of Civilian Radioactive Waste and Environmental Management. Abstracts of work supported under the Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP) can be found at <http://www.doe.gov/em52/science-grants.html>, while information on the Civilian Radioactive Waste program and related efforts can be found at <http://www.rw.doe.gov/links.htm>.

#### *Fundamental Science and Technology*

This element features research and development in science and new technologies that support one or more applications in the nuclear energy field, including but not limited to those identified for the preceding program elements. The proposed work should be based in part on a consideration of the value or benefits of this work to potential future applications that satisfy the program objectives. Scientific and engineering research is solicited in pertinent areas of materials and chemical sciences, automation engineering and computational sciences, thermodynamics, health physics, systems engineering and safety, human factors research to improve the man/machine interface, and other areas which addresses problems common to the technology topics described above.

Field work proposals should identify the prospective applications associated with the proposed work, and the expected benefits from successful completion of this work.

#### **Designation of Field(s) of Proposed Work**

To facilitate the merit review, preproposals and field work proposals should identify the nuclear technology areas and the related engineering research and/or basic science field(s) that most closely apply to the proposed research work. The nuclear technology areas include proliferation resistant reactor and fuel, reactors with higher performance/efficiency, low output reactors, advanced nuclear fuels, and management of nuclear waste, and fundamental science and technology. The engineering research category would include such fields as reactors; system and component design development; fuel systems development; instrumentation and control system development; radioactive waste; and other nuclear engineering fields of research. The basic science categories would include such fields as materials science, chemical science, computational sciences (including development of algorithms and software technology), and engineering sciences (including basic research on

instrumentation and control systems, and diagnostic and transport processes).

The requested identification of applicable fields of work is not intended to constrain or otherwise influence the proposed work in any way.

#### **Collaborative Field Work Proposals**

Collaboration between science and engineering researchers is encouraged. U.S. universities, DOE national laboratories, private industry and R&D and non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit collaborative field work proposals. Under this Program Announcement, collaborative field work proposals should identify the national laboratory as the lead organization, and should identify the work scope responsibilities and cost for each participating organization. The DOE national laboratory should submit a single field work proposal which integrates the portion of the overall project work scope assigned to each participant.

For successful field work proposals, the DOE laboratory will fund other non-federal participants by a subcontract arrangement. The DOE national laboratory will be funded directly by DOE. The private sector or academic organizations must include a Face Page and Budget Pages for its portion of the project in the field work proposal. Separate Budget Pages must be included for the DOE national laboratory portions. The collaborative field work proposal must be submitted as one package.

Collaboration with international organizations is acceptable provided the collaboration is mutually beneficial and all DOE and other domestic funding is used for work performed in the U.S. Such collaborative arrangements are subject to approval by DOE and must comply with any Federal restrictions on foreign participation, and with any current DOE memoranda of understanding or other general agreements between DOE and the participating foreign entity.

#### **Preproposals**

The submittal of preproposals prior to submission of field work proposals is encouraged to receive a preliminary DOE opinion regarding the significance of the proposed work in meeting program objectives. Preproposals should include a cover sheet and a brief (up to 3 pages) project description. The cover sheet should identify the name, telephone, fax and e-mail address for the project manager or principal investigator and for the organization(s) submitting the field work proposal, title of the project, and the field of R&D. A

narrative project description should be included indicating the objectives, work to be accomplished and importance of successful completion, resources needed, and estimated cost. In the case of collaborative projects, the applicant should identify the work to be performed by each participating organization and the estimated cost to be borne by each party. The original and five copies of the preproposal should be submitted. DOE will review preproposals for technical and scientific merit and relevance of the proposed project to program objectives and respond to the applicants. This preliminary review neither prevents submittal of a full field work proposal nor indicates the likelihood of an award.

#### **Format and Information To Be Included in the Field Work Proposal**

(Reference DOE Order 5700.7C, "<http://www.explorer.doe.gov:1776/htmls/regs/doe/seriestable.html>")

The Field Work Proposal (FWP) is to be prepared and submitted consistent with policies of the investigator's laboratory and the local DOE Operations Office. Additional information is also requested to allow for scientific/technical merit review.

Applicants are expected to use the following format. Field work proposals must be written in English with all budgets in U.S. dollars. The field work proposals should clearly present the objectives, activities or tasks to be performed, schedule and costs, and the importance/significance of the proposed project. Where collaborative efforts are proposed, the individual responsibilities of participating organizations should be identified. As a minimum, the following information should be included:

- Field work proposal.
- Table of Contents.
- Project Abstract including identification of the field(s) of R&D for the proposed project (1 page).
- Project Description—narrative description of the proposed project including objectives, R&D plan including preliminary studies, research design and tasks, and the significance or benefits of the proposed project (no more than 20 pages; multi-investigator collaborative projects may use up to 40 pages).
- Project Schedule information.
- Organization & Qualifications—identification of the project organization, and qualifications and responsibilities of the participating organizations. Biographical sketches of project manager/principal investigator and other key project personnel (no more than 2 pages each).

- Collaborative R&D (if applicable)—description of the collaborative arrangements defining responsibilities and tasks assigned to each participating organization (up to 2 pages).

- Facilities & Resources—information on the experience of the applicant's organization and the adequacy of required facilities and resources (no more than 5 pages).

- Budget for each year and a summary budget page for the entire project period.

- Budget explanation for each participating organization.

- Budget and budget justification for each collaborative subproject, if any.

- Additional information the applicant deems relevant may be included, subject to the page limitation.

In addition to providing an original and seven copies of each proposal, applicants are required to also provide a 3.5-inch write protected diskette containing the field work proposal in electronic format. The label on the diskette must clearly identify the institution, principal investigator, title of field work proposal, and the computer system and program used to prepare the document. Unsuccessful field work proposals will not be returned to the applicant.

#### Field Work Proposal Evaluation

All valid field work proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 600.13.

- DOE will perform an initial review for conformance with the technical and administrative requirements stated in this Program Announcement, for funding availability, and for general relevance to NERI program objectives.

- For those field work proposals that successfully complete the initial review, an objective merit review (peer review) will be performed to evaluate technical and/or scientific merit, and cost aspects of the field work proposals, exclusive of NE programmatic and policy factors. This review will be in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated below. For this purpose, a group comprised of three or more professionally and technically qualified persons will be selected in such a manner as to assure the highest degree of independence and objectivity. The reviewers may include any mix of federal and non-federal experts, except those persons involved in approving/disapproving the field work proposals. Reviewers must comply with the requirements for avoiding conflict of interest as stated in 10 CFR 600.14.

- Following the objective merit review, a relevance review will be performed by DOE on those field work

proposals judged to be of the highest merit. The field work proposals will be evaluated with respect to NE programmatic and policy factors, including relevance of the proposed work to the NERI program objectives, and the balance among program elements to be supported.

The following evaluation criteria apply to the objective merit review:

- Technical quality of the field work proposal:

- Contribution to the state of knowledge in the scientific/technology fields;

- Importance of the proposed work in meeting program objectives;

- Completeness and clarity of the technical proposal;

- Appropriateness/adequacy of the proposed methodology or approach;

- Extent to which proposed work is new, unique or innovative;

- Reasonableness of project cost and schedule, including allocations among multiple participating organizations where applicable.

- Capabilities and qualifications of principal investigator/project manager and key personnel, adequacy of resources and facilities applied by participating organizations.

#### Intellectual Property Rights

With respect to intellectual property, the patent and data provisions set forth in the national laboratories M&O contract shall be used.

#### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

The Nuclear Energy Research Initiative will be conducted under the authority of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1999, Public Law 105-245; the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 81.092; and the applicable DOE Financial Assistance Regulations at 10 CFR Part 600. The regulations and guidance documents can be accessed on the DOE Financial Assistance Home Page at "http://www.pr.doe.gov/fahome.html".

#### Program Announcement Questions & Answers

DOE does not intend to hold a preproposal conference. You may submit your written questions via e-mail to [denise.berry@oak.doe.gov](mailto:denise.berry@oak.doe.gov) by November 13, 1998. Responses to questions will be placed on the Oakland Operations Office Website at "http://www.oak.doe.gov/financial/sol\_page.html".

#### Information

Information about the development, submission of field work proposals, eligibility, limitations, the selection

process, and other policies and procedures may be found on "http://www.oak.doe.gov/financial/sol\_page.html".

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise Berry, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, California 94612-5208 (510) 637-1873, (510) 637-2025 FAX.

Issued in Oakland, California, on October 29, 1998.

**Joan Macrusky,**

*Director, Financial Assistance Center.*

#### Attachment A

**FAX:** (510) 637-2025

**TO:** Denise Berry, Contract Specialist

Notice of Intent To Apply

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Name of DOE Laboratory

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Name of Collaborating Organization(s)

intends to submit a field work proposal under Program Notice No. LAB NE-99-1.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work

Element/Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering research  
and/or basic science  
field: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE)

#### Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS03-99SF21764; Nuclear Energy Research Initiative

**AGENCY:** Oakland Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation inviting Grant and Cooperative Agreement applications.

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**SUMMARY:** The Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, is interested in receiving applications for financial assistance through the award of grants and cooperative agreements, as appropriate, for innovative scientific and engineering research and development in the field of nuclear energy as part of the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI). NERI is designed to support innovative research that can address the principal technical and scientific obstacles to future use of nuclear power in the U.S. NERI is also intended to reinvigorate the vital nuclear scientific and engineering infrastructure within U.S. universities, industry and DOE national laboratories.