

Maryland: Baltimore
 Massachusetts: Boston
 Michigan: Detroit
 Mississippi: Mid-Delta Area (Bolivar, Holmes, Humphreys, and LeFlore Counties)
 Missouri: Kansas City
 New Jersey: Camden
 New York: Harlem, Bronx
 Pennsylvania: Philadelphia
 Texas: Houston, Rio Grande Valley Area (Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties)

Supplemental Empowerment Zones (Listed Alphabetically by State)

California: Los Angeles
 Ohio: Cleveland

Enterprise Communities (Listed Alphabetically by State)

Alabama: Birmingham, Chambers County, Greene County, Sumter County
 Arizona: Arizona Border Area, (Cochise, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties), Phoenix
 Arkansas: East Central Area (Cross, Lee, Monroe, and St. Francis Counties), Mississippi County, Pulaski County
 California: Imperial County, Los Angeles (Huntington Park), San Diego,
 San Francisco (Hayview, Hunter's Pointer), Watsonville
 Colorado: Denver
 Connecticut: Bridgeport, New Haven
 Delaware: Wilmington
 District of Columbia: Washington
 Florida: Jackson County
 Georgia: Central Savannah River Area (Burke, Hancock, Jefferson, McDuffie, Tallafarro, and Warren Counties), Crisp County, Dooley County
 Illinois: East St. Louis, Springfield
 Indiana: Indianapolis
 Iowa: Des Moines
 Kentucky: Louisville, McCreary County
 Louisiana: Macon Ridge Area (Catahous, Concordia, Franklin, Morehouse, and Tensas Parishes), New Orleans, Northeast Delta Area (Madison Parish), Quachita Parish
 Massachusetts: Lowell, Springfield
 Michigan: Five Cap, Flint, Muskegon
 Minnesota: Minneapolis, St. Paul
 Mississippi: Jackson, North Delta Area (Panola, Quitman, and Tallahatchie Counties)
 Missouri: East Prairie, St. Louis
 Nebraska: Omaha
 Nevada: Clarke County, Las Vegas
 New Hampshire: Manchester
 New Jersey: Newark
 New Mexico: Albuquerque, Moro County, Rio Arriba County, Taos County
 New York: Albany, Buffalo, Kingston, Newburgh, Rochester, Schenectady, Troy
 North Carolina: Charlotte, Edgecombe County, Halifax County, Robeson County, Wilson County
 Ohio: Akron, Columbus, Greater Portsmouth Area (Scioto County)
 Oklahoma: Choctaw County, McCurtain County, Oklahoma City
 Pennsylvania: Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Pittsburgh
 Rhode Island: Providence
 South Carolina: Charleston, Williamsburg County

South Dakota: Beadle County, Spink County
 Tennessee: Fayette County, Haywood County, Memphis, Nashville, Scott County
 Texas: Dallas, El Paso, San Antonio, Waco
 Utah: Ogden
 Vermont: Accomack County, Norfolk
 Washington: Lower Yakima County, Seattle, Tacoma
 West Virginia: Huntington, McDowell County, West Central Areas (Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Nichols, and Roane Counties)
 Wisconsin: Milwaukee
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions

AGENCY: Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Restricted Eligibility.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to U.S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions in support of innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of applicants on the basis of the scientific merit of the application, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds. Collaboration with private industry is encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John R. Columbia, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412) 892-6219, FAX: (412) 892-6216, E-mail: Columbia@FETC.DOE.GOV. The solicitation (available in both Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows and Portable Document Format (PDF)) will be released on DOE's FETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit>) on or about November 30, 1998. If applicants do not have Internet capability, a 3.5" double sided/high density diskette copy of the solicitation will be available, upon receipt of a written request submitted via facsimile

(fax) at (412) 892-6216 or e-mail at columbia@fetc.doe.gov. No telephone requests will be honored for request of diskettes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation

"Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions."

Objectives

Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40192, the Department of Energy seeks applications from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Other Minority Institutions (OMI) and HBCU/OMI-affiliated research institutes for innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. The resultant grants are intended to maintain and upgrade educational, training, and research capabilities of our HBCU/OMI in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources; to foster private sector participation, collaboration, and interaction with HBCU/OMI; and to provide for the exchange of technical information and to raise the overall level of HBCU/OMI competitiveness with other institutions in the field of fossil energy research and development. Thus, the establishment of linkages between the HBCU/OMI and the private sector fossil energy community is critical to the success of this program, and consistent with the Nation's goal of ensuring a future supply of fossil fuel scientists and engineers from an previously under-utilized resource.

Eligibility

Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is restricted to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Other Minority Institutions (OMI) recognized by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, and identified on the OCR's United States Department of Education list of U.S. Accredited Postsecondary Minority Institutions list in effect on the closing date of the program solicitation. *Applications submitted by any institution not on OCR's aforementioned list are ineligible for technical evaluation and award.* For information regarding the qualification criteria and process of becoming recognized by the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights as a "Minority Institution", institutions should contact the Education Department directly at the following

address: Mr. Peter A. McCabe, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202, Telephone (202) 205-9567. Note: The Education Department should only be contacted on matters related to Institutional status; questions regarding the Program Solicitation should be directed to Mr. Columbia at DOE by telefacsimile on (412) 892-6216.

Applications from HBCU/OMI-affiliated research institutes must be submitted through the college or university with which they are affiliated. The university (*not* the university-affiliated research institute) will be the recipient of any resultant DOE grant award. Applications submitted in response to the solicitation must meet the following two criteria: the Principal Investigator or a Co-Principal Investigator must be a teaching professor at the submitting university listed in the application; *and* a minimum of 30% of personnel time invoiced under the grant is to pay for student assistance for each year of the grant. Although it is not required as an application qualification criterion, collaboration with the private sector is encouraged, and applications proposing private sector collaboration may be evaluated more favorably. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor. Collaboration by the private sector with the HBCU/OMI may be in the form of cash cost sharing, consultation, HBCU/OMI access to industrial facilities or equipment, experimental data and/or equipment not available at the university, or as a subgrantee/subcontractor to the HBCU/OMI.

Areas of Interest

In order to develop and sustain a national program of HBCU/OMI research in advanced and fundamental fossil fuel studies, the Department is interested in innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil fuel conversion and utilization limited to the following seven (7) technical topics:

- Topic 1—Advanced Environmental Control Technologies for Coal
- Topic 2—Advanced Coal Utilization
- Topic 3—Coal Liquefaction Technology
- Topic 4—Heavy Oil Upgrading and Processing
- Topic 5—Advanced Recovery, Completion/Stimulation, and Geoscience Technologies for Oil
- Topic 6—Natural Gas Supply, Storage, and Processing
- Topic 7—Faculty/Student Exploratory Research Training Grants

Note: Technical Topic No. 7, *Faculty/Student Exploratory Research Training Grants*, is the *only* topic under this Program Solicitation wherein the inclusion or exclusion of private sector collaboration will not affect the technical evaluation of the application.

Awards

DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (grants) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards may be made through the solicitation subject to funds available in this fiscal year. The limitation on the maximum DOE funding for each selected grant to be awarded under this Program Solicitation is as follows:

Topics 1-6	Maximum award
To 12 months grant duration	\$85,000.00
13-24 months grant duration	150,000.00
25-36 months grant duration	200,000.00
Topic 7	Maximum award
To 12 months grant duration	\$20,000.00

Approximately \$850,000 is planned for this solicitation. The total should provide support for four to eight R&D application selections (Topics 1-6), and approximately two to twelve faculty/student exploratory research training application selections (Topic 7).

Solicitation Release Date

The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about November 30, 1998. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation. To be eligible, applications must be Received by the designated DOE office by the closing time and date specified in the Program Solicitation (anticipated to be on or about January 20, 1999, at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Proposal (SCAP); Research Titled: Early Entrance Coproduction Plant

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: On or about January 22, 1999, The U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, plans to issue a Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Proposal (SCAP) No. DE-SC26-99FT40040 for the solicitation of applications in support of research and development entitled "Early Entrance Coproduction Plant." Authority for this action is the DOE Organization Act Public Law 95-91 and the DOE Financial Assistance Regulations 10 CFR Part 600. DOE anticipates multiple awards with a project duration of approximately five years. DOE plans to make available funds totaling \$30,000,000 over the project duration; a minimum cost share of 20 percent for the concept definition and RD&T planning, 35 percent for research, development, and testing; and 50 percent for the preliminary EECF design is required.

DATES: Proposals are due 60 days after release of solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal A. Sharp, IO7, Internet address: csharp@fetc.doe.gov, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-0880, Telephone (304) 285-4442, Procurement Request No. 26-99FT40040.000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of this effort is to determine the feasibility of an EECF located at a specific site which produces fuels or chemicals in combination with electric power from synthesis gas derived from coal, or, coal in combination with some other carbonaceous feedstock. The project will consist of three budget periods: Budget Period 1—Concept Definition and RD&T Planning; Budget Period 2—Research, Development and Testing; and Budget Period 3—EECF Engineering Design. Efforts in Budget Period 1 (estimated at 1.5 years), are to focus on performing the necessary feasibility analyses and initial project definition to better define the proposed concept. Budget Period 2 (estimated at 2 years), efforts are to focus on research development and testing of components and subsystems. Budget Period 3 (estimated at 1 year), efforts are to focus