

have been funded under this program. For this competition in fiscal year 1999, the Secretary implements this priority by giving a competitive preference of 10 bonus points, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), to applications that meet this priority.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition. For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717.

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For Further Information Contact: Pamela Martin, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C., 20202-2650. Telephone: (202) 205-8494. Individuals who use a telecommunication 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.

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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 750.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Great Lakes Regional Biomass Energy Program Management Project; Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation for financial assistance applications number DE-PS45-99R530403.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for the Great Lakes Regional Biomass Energy Program (GLRBEP) Management Project. The selected applicant will receive financial assistance to manage GLRBEP under a financial assistance agreement with DOE.

DATES: The solicitation will be issued on or about December 7, 1998.

AVAILABILITY: To obtain a copy of the Solicitation once it is issued, interested parties must access the Golden Field Office Application, Award and Solicitation page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>, click on "solicitations" and then locate the solicitation number identified above. DOE does not intend to issue written copies of the solicitation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The major goals of the DOE GLRBEP are: to promote biomass energy by creating awareness, a positive image, and confidence in biomass energy technologies within the region; to develop a climate supportive of biomass energy among the general public and

relevant government agencies; to assist both the public and private sectors in the responsible development, commercialization, and utilization of biomass energy technologies so that the region achieves full realization of associated energy, economic, and environmental benefits; and to select and perform activities that provide for responsible development of biomass energy within the region. The Great Lakes Region includes the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Applications must address each of the following activities in order to be considered for award. The activities are (1) management and planning, (2) information and outreach, and (3) project oversight and evaluation.

1. Management and Planning includes a plan for the overall management of the project at the state level, including coordination with the DOE Chicago Regional Support Office (CRSO) and GLRBEP ad hoc steering committees. The responsibility also includes development of resource plans and the provision of technical input to DOE for development of annual operating plans for the GLRBEP.

The GLRBEP Annual Operating Plan (AOP) is a document which will be prepared each year by the CRSO, with appropriate committee input, which provides guidance and direction to the program for the following Fiscal Year.

The draft FY '99 AOP will be made an attachment to the solicitation. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to guide the Program in meeting AOP objectives, recommend and implement changes to the AOP as necessary, and assist the CRSO in the preparation and completion of future AOP's.

2. Information and Outreach includes responding to inquiries about the program from interested parties, developing biotech briefs, collecting and contributing articles to support biomass publications, and preparing regional biomass energy program reports. The recipient also will coordinate and publish a regional newsletter at least quarterly and will establish and maintain a GLRBEP Internet site which provides relevant biomass program information and project summaries.

3. Project Oversight and Evaluation includes the award and administration of subgrants to organizations in the region. The recipient will solicit applications for projects in support of program objectives through a competitive solicitation. Administration of the individual subgrants, including financial commitments, performance tracking, and the provision of periodic reports to DOE, will be the

responsibility of the recipient with appropriate oversight from the CRSO.

In response to this solicitation, DOE expects to make a single award. Solicitation number DE-PS45-99R530403 will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting projects for funding. No pre-application conference is planned. Issuance of the solicitation is planned on or about December 7, 1998, with responses due on January 27, 1999.

Dated: December 3, 1998.

John W. Meeker,

Chief, Procurement, GO.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

DATES: Saturday, January 6, 1999, 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Garden Plaza, 215 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marianne Heiskell, Ex-Officio Officer, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-0314.

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: The meeting will focus on the "1997 Environmental Management Annual Report, and a representative from DOE/Oak Ridge Operations Environmental Management Safety and Health Division will give a presentation.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should

contact Marianne Heiskell at the address or telephone number listed above.

Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The 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 5 minutes to present their comments near the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Marianne Heiskell, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-0314.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 9, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Geothermal Technology Innovation

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice. Supplemental Announcement (01) to the broad based solicitation for submission of financial assistance applications involving research, development, and demonstration for renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, DE-PS36-99GO10383.

SUMMARY: The Geothermal Energy Program of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is issuing a Supplemental Announcement to EERE's Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-99GO10383, dated November 9, 1998. Under the

Supplemental Announcement, the Geothermal Energy Program is soliciting applications to identify, examine, and evaluate innovative ideas with a significant potential to reduce the cost of geothermal technology or increase economic geothermal resources through cost-shared research and development activities. The DOE Geothermal Energy Program consists primarily of research, development, and field validation to reduce the cost of using geothermal energy in all its forms. Its mission is to work in partnership with U.S. industry to establish geothermal energy as a sustainable, environmentally sound, economically competitive contributor to the U.S. and world energy supply. Research proposals are sought for evaluation of the scientific feasibility, technical merit and commercial potential of ideas in the following topical areas: drilling; energy conversion; fracture detection and analysis; heat recovery systems; and by-product recovery and waste management. Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements for Phase I research with a term of up to 12 months. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this Supplemental Announcement will be \$300,000, with individual awards not to exceed \$75,000 of DOE funding.

All information regarding the Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at the address identified below.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement the week of December 7, 1998. The closing date of the Supplemental Announcement is February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Supplemental Announcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Motz, Contract Specialist, at 303-275-4737, e-mail john_motz@nrel.gov, or Doug Hooker, Project Officer, at 303-275-4780, e-mail doug_hooker@nrel.gov.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on December 8, 1998.

Dated: December 8, 1998.

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Chief, Procurement, Golden Field Office.

John K. Lewis,

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