

See 62 FR 15465, published on April 1, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 25, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on March 27, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes an export visa arrangement for certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 2000, for products exported from China on or after January 1, 2000, you are directed to amend the March 27, 1997 directive to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on light blue guilloche patterned background paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light blue form will replace the jade green form currently being used.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, you are directed to permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 2000 through January 31, 2000, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either the jade green background paper or the light blue background paper as described above. Both the jade green and light blue forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Products exported on and after February 1, 2000 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China on the light blue license/invoice form.

The requirements for ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) remain unchanged.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, November 8, 1999: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky.

OTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Sheppard, Site Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6804.

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 and waste management activities.

Tentative Agenda

6:00 p.m.—Call to order

6:05 p.m.—Discussion with
Environmental Health Investigation
Team

7:00 p.m.—Review of Site Corrective
Action Plan

8:00 p.m.—Adjourn

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 John D. Sheppard 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 Deputy Designated Federal Official 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 at the end of the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to a request by the DOE Paducah site office that the EM-SSAB, Paducah, advise DOE on the corrective action plan prepared to address the draft Environmental Health Report. The final

corrective action plan is due in late November. In order for the comments of the EM-SSAB, Paducah, to be incorporated in the final report, an SSAB meeting has to be scheduled for November 8, 1999.

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 Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday thru Friday or by writing to John D. Sheppard, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6804.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 27, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[DE-PS36-00GO10482]

Supplemental Announcement Number 01, Hydrogen Technologies, to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration

AGENCY: The Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for applications for research and development projects in support of the DOE Hydrogen Program.

SUMMARY: The DOE Office of Power Technologies is funding a competitive financial assistance program in support of the DOE Hydrogen Program. Proposals are requested under a DOE Broad Based Solicitation that is anticipated to result in the award of one or more cooperative agreements in Fiscal Year 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

The Office of Power Technologies (OPT) of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is supporting the issuance of this

Supplemental Announcement to the EERE Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-00GO10482. The Broad Based Solicitation contains information that must be used in conjunction with this Supplemental Announcement when applying for an award. Thus, in order to prepare a complete application, it is mandatory to comply with the requirements of the overall Broad Based Solicitation document, DE-PS36-00GO10482 (found on the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>) as well as the requirements of this Supplemental Announcement 01 document.

Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is seeking research and development (R&D) proposals that can advance hydrogen production, storage, and utilization technologies. It is anticipated that projects may be selected for initial awards with a possible continuation into subsequent years. DOE is proposing to undertake this effort under the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996, Public Law 104-271.

This solicitation is for Financial Assistance Applications, and the Statement of Work (SOW) and budget information requested under this Supplemental Announcement should only address the initial period of up to 12 months. The objective is to develop detailed R&D plans to validate the proposed hydrogen concept, along with necessary preliminary R&D and the development of other supporting documentation. Awards, if any will result from a merit review process applied to the applications.

DATES: Applications should be submitted as described in the Supplemental Announcement by December 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. The Project Engineer is Doug Hooker, at (303) 275-4780 or e-mail at doug_hooker@nrel.gov. The Contracting Officer is Beth Peterman, at FAX: (303) 275-4788 or e-mail at beth_peterman@nrel.gov. The Supplemental Announcement can be obtained from the GFO website at www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html as of the week of October 25, 1999. If unable to access the internet, you may obtain a copy of the Solicitation by calling Amy Castelli at (303) 275-4716, FAX (303) 275-4788.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on October 25, 1999.

Matthew A. Barron,
Contracting Officer, GO.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces a competitive solicitation for applications for grants and cooperative agreements for information dissemination, public outreach, training, and related technical analysis and technical assistance activities involving renewable energy and energy efficiency. It is estimated that funding of approximately \$4 to \$6 million will be available under renewable energy programs, and \$3.5 to \$4.5 million will be available under energy efficiency programs for awards under this solicitation in fiscal year 2000. Areas of interest involving renewable energy include wind, photovoltaic, hydrogen, and bioenergy technologies. Energy efficiency areas of interest include energy efficiency in the transportation, buildings, and industrial sectors. The awards may be for a period of six months to three years. Proposals will be subject to the objective merit review procedures for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). Eligible applicants for this solicitation are profit organizations, non-profit institutions and organizations, state and local governments, universities, individuals, Native American organizations, and Alaskan Native Corporations.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document, which will include greater detail about specific program areas of interest, application instructions, and evaluation criteria, is expected to be issued mid-November 1999. The solicitation will include specific funding totals for each program area of interest. Application due dates for the various program areas will be staggered throughout January 2000, and applications will be processed by three DOE procurement offices to expedite awards. Prospective applicants under Program Area 6A, Technology and Systems Integration: Information Dissemination, Outreach, and Related

Analysis, will be encouraged to submit a pre-application, not longer than two pages, on or around December 10th, 1999. A response to the pre-application encouraging or discouraging a formal application will be communicated to the applicant.

The formal solicitation document will be disseminated electronically as solicitation number DE-PS01-00EE10722 through the Department's Current Business Opportunities of the Headquarters Procurement Services Homepage located at www.pr.doe.gov/solicit.html and the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Homepage located at <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>. Effective October 1st, 1999, the IIPS system will become the primary way for the Office of Headquarters Procurement Services to conduct competitive acquisitions and financial assistance transactions. IIPS provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and proposals, evaluating, and awarding various instruments in a paperless environment.

To get more information about IIPS and to register your organization, go to <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>. Follow the link on the IIPS home page to the Secure Services page. Registration is a prerequisite to the submission of an application, and applicants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. A help document, which describes how IIPS works, can be found at the bottom of the Secure Services page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services, Attention MA-542 (Demer, EERE-2000), 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, telephone number 800-683-0751, or e-mail at: eere.grants@pr.doe.gov. Questions or comments should be categorized as *administrative or financial assistance related*. Administrative questions or comments relate only to the operation of IIPS. All questions or comments should be directed to the attention of Mr. Nickolas A. Demer. The preferred method of submitting questions and/or comments is through e-mail. Only questions and comments submitted to Mr. Demer will be considered. Questions and/or comments requiring coordination with EERE program officials will be directed by DOE personnel to the cognizant offices internally through IIPS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of EERE supports DOE's strategic objectives of increasing the efficiency and productivity of energy use, while