

4. If a technologically advanced potential adversary gained access to this information, countermeasures could be developed which would reduce the effectiveness of the missile system.

5. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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### **Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety; Meeting**

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety will conduct a closed session on January 13, 1997, at Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California.

The Joint Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Secretary of Defense, Department of Energy, and the Joint Nuclear Weapons Council on nuclear weapons systems surety matters. At this meeting the Joint Advisory Committee will receive classified briefings on the nuclear weapons stockpile and Department of Defense nuclear readiness.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, Title 5, U.S.C. App. II, (1988)), this meeting concerns matters, sensitive to the interests of national security, listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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### **Department of the Army**

#### **Notice of Procedure for Obtaining Information on the Military Traffic Management Command Personal Property Pilot Program**

**AGENCY:** Military Traffic Management Command, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** All required notices applicable to the Military Traffic Management Command's (MTMC) Personal Property Reengineering Pilot Acquisition will be published in the Commerce Business Daily. In addition, to maximize dissemination of information about the Pilot Acquisition, information will be also posted on the MTMC Worldwide Web home page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cullen Hutchinson, Reengineering Personal Property Team, Voice telephone: (703) 681-6427; fax: (703) 681-6883.

**ADDRESSES:** Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-Q/RPP, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-5050.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices pertaining to the MTMC Personal Property Shipment and Storage Program have traditionally been placed in the Federal Register. The reason for this is that the current program is exempt from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). However, since the MTMC Personal Property Reengineering Pilot Acquisition will be conducted under the FAR, all required notices applicable to this solicitation will be published in the Commerce Business Daily. The Commerce Business Daily remains the official source for information and announcements on FAR-based acquisitions. No further notices about the Pilot Acquisition will be published in the Federal Register.

In addition to the notices in the Commerce Business Daily, interested parties may access the MTMC Worldwide Web home page at "http://mtmc.army.mil" to obtain current information on the Pilot Program.

Gregory D. Showalter,

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions**

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

**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 technical merit 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. The solicitation (created in Word Perfect 5.2 for Windows) will be released on DOE's PETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.petc.doe.gov/business>) on or about January 3, 1997. If applicants do not have internet capability or experience difficulty accessing the solicitation files, 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. No

telephone requests will be honored for request of disks.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Title of Solicitation

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

##### Objectives

Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS22-97PC97201, the Department of Energy seeks applications from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Other Minority Institutions (OMIs) 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/OMIs in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources; to foster private sector participation, collaboration, and interaction with HBCU/OMIs; 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 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 a previously under-utilized resource.

##### Eligibility

Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is restricted to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Other Minority Institutions (OMIs) recognized by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, and identified on the OCR's United States Department of Education 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 at least one student registered at the university is to be compensated for work performed in the conduct of research proposed in the application. 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 fuels studies, the Department is interested in innovative research and development of advance concepts pertinent to fossil fuel conversion and utilization limited to the following seven (7) technical topics:

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

Note: This is the only topic (Topic seven (7)) 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. DOE reserves the right to support or not support 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:

	Maximum award
Topics 1-6:	
To 12 months grant duration .....	\$80,000.00
13-24 months grant duration .....	140,000.00
25-36 months grant duration .....	200,000.00
Topic 7:	
To 12 months grant duration .....	10,000.00

Approximately \$780,000.00 is planned for this solicitation. The total should provide support for approximately four to six R&D application selections (Topics 1-6), and approximately two to four faculty/student exploratory application selections (Topic 7).

##### Solicitation Release Date

The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about January 3, 1997. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation. To be eligible, applications must be submitted to the designated DOE office by the closing date specified in the Program Solicitation (anticipated to be on or about February 26, 1997).

Dale A. Siciliano,

*Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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#### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

**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