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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

Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats.

DATES: Thursday, January 2, 1997, 6 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Westminster City Hall, Lower-level Multi-purpose Room, 4800 West 92nd Avenue, Westminster, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420-7855, fax: (303) 420-7579.

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:

(1) The Board will hear a presentation on the results of a community needs assessment performed last summer by the University of Colorado School of Nursing and the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment.

(2) Board members will learn about Rocky Flats' budget process in preparation for their involvement in reviewing budget documents and providing advice on the Fiscal Year 1999 site budget.

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 Ken Korkia 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 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operation for the

Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 19, 1996.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia)

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, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia). **DATES:** Wednesday, January 15, 1997: 6:50 pm–9:30 pm (Mountain Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 (505) 845-4094.

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:

6:50 p.m. Public Comment Period
7:00 p.m. Approval of Agenda
7:05 p.m. Approval of 11/20/96 Minutes
7:10 p.m. Chair's Report—DOE/SNL 10-Year Plan Report
7:15 p.m. Issues Committee Report
7:25 p.m. Future Land Use Management Areas 3–6
7:45 p.m. DOE—Present and Long-range Planning for the Board
8:00 p.m. Break
8:10 p.m. Update on Corrective Action Management Unit Design
8:35 p.m. Budget Discussion/Approval
8:55 p.m. DOE FY 1997 Environmental Management Budget
9:15 p.m. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
9:20 p.m. Public Comment
9:25 p.m. Announcement of Next Meeting/
Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting Wednesday, January 15, 1997.

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 Mike Zamorski's office 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 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.

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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mike Zamorski, Department of Energy, Kirtland Area Office, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845-4094.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald; Meeting

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), Fernald.

DATES: Saturday, January 11, 1997 (public comment session: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., 12:00 p.m.—12:15 p.m.)

ADDRESSES: The Alpha Building, 10967 Hamilton Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John S. Applegate, Chair of the Fernald Citizens Task Force, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio 45061, or call the Fernald Citizens Task Force office (513) 648-6478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations