

0612 (Projects with Industry Application Content Requirements). The combined form will be numbered OMB 1820-0566.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 350.

Burden Hours: 14,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management

Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Lender's Participation

Questionnaire (LPQ) for New Lenders.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 121.

Burden Hours: 20.

Abstract: The Lender's Participation Questionnaire is submitted by lenders who are eligible for reimbursement of interest and special allowance, as well as Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL) claims payment, under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. The information will be used by ED to update Lender Identification Numbers (LIDs), lender names, addresses with 9 digit zip codes and other pertinent information.

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Lender's Request for Payment of Interest and Special Allowance.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 10,544.

Burden Hours: 102,804.

Abstract: The Lender's Interest and Special Allowance Request and Report (Form 799) is used by approximately 10,544 lenders participating in the Title IV, Part B loan programs. The ED Form 799 is used to pay interest and special allowance to holders of the Part B loans; and to capture quarterly data from a lender's loan portfolio for financial and budgetary projections.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[DE-PS36-99GO10426]

Golden Field Office; Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications; Inventions and Innovation Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Number DE-PS36-99GO10426.

SUMMARY: The DOE's Office of Industrial Technologies (DOE) is funding a competitive grant program entitled the Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program. The goal of the I&I Program is to improve energy efficiency through the promotion of innovative ideas and inventions that have a significant potential energy impact and a potential future commercial market.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the solicitation on or about May 13, 1999, with a closing date of July 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation, eligible parties may download the document from the I&I website at www.oit.doe.gov/inventions. If internet access is not available, information may be obtained by writing the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, Inventions and Innovation Program, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401. For convenience, requests may also be faxed to Jennifer Squire at 303-275-4788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The I&I Program is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) grant program which provides financial and technical assistance to encourage the innovation and commercialization of energy-related inventions. Projects that have a significant potential energy savings and a future commercial market are chosen

for financial and technical support through this competitive solicitation process. Additionally, DOE will provide awardees with non-financial support by assisting them with business development and commercialization planning through a network of national and regional resource providers.

This grant program is managed by the DOE Golden Field Office in support of OIT. The following OIT focus industries, dominant energy users and waste generators in the U.S. manufacturing sector, are of particular interest to this program: Agriculture, Aluminum, Chemicals, Forest Products, Glass, Metalcasting, Mining, Petroleum, and Steel. Emphasis will be placed on funding inventions consistent with OIT focus industries' visions and roadmap documents. Please visit the OIT website at www.oit.doe.gov for the vision/roadmap of each focus industry. While emphasis will be given to industrial manufacturing technologies with a focus on the target sectors identified previously, applications that are within the overall Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) transportation, buildings and power missions and areas of concern will also be considered for award. Please refer to www.eren.doe.gov for additional information on each EERE sector.

DOE will provide financial assistance for two categories of projects. The first category (Category 1) will fund up to \$40,000 per award for applications which fall within the first two stages of development (conceptual and technical feasibility). United States individual inventors, small businesses (profit or not-for-profit with less than 500 employees), universities, and not for profit research institutes may apply for Category 1 Applications. The second category (Category 2) will fund up to \$200,000 per award for applications which fall within the last two stages of development (development and commercial validation or demonstration). U.S. individual inventors and small businesses (profit or not-for-profit with less than 500 employees) may apply for Category 2 Applications. A "U.S. individual inventor" is an inventor who retains U.S. citizenship. A "U.S. business" is either (i) a corporation that is incorporated in the U.S. and whose parent company (if applicable) is not of foreign origin; or (ii) a business entity, other than a corporation, that is owned substantially by U.S. citizens. Individual inventors and very small businesses (15 or fewer employees) are especially encouraged to participate. DOE laboratories are not eligible to

receive DOE funding as an awardee or subawardee in this program.

The awards will be made through a competitive process. Each award may cover a project period of up to two (2) years for Category 1 Applications and three (3) years for Category 2 Applications. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 14, 1999.

Beth H. Peterman,

Acting Chief, Procurement, Golden Field.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Intent To Issue a Federal Assistance Solicitation (PS)

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a PS No. DE-PS26-99FT40497 entitled "Novel Methods for Natural Gas Upgrading." The PS will solicit the submission of innovative techniques, systems, and processes to assist industry in demonstration and implementation in order to develop economic natural gas upgrading technologies in order to raise low-quality raw natural gas to pipeline quality. Through this solicitation DOE is seeking to support projects that are demonstrating and implementing new and innovative techniques for natural gas upgrading. Specifically, the objective of the procurement is to target, but not be limited to, the removal of nitrogen, water, carbon dioxide, and hydrogen sulfide from on-shore and off-shore (continental United States) low quality natural gas and associated gas reservoirs, including coal beds and landfill locations. DOE realizes that considerable advances have been made with the application of membranes for natural gas upgrading, and plans to select projects that demonstrate and implement new processes to include, but not be limited to, chemical solvents, membranes, or complexing agents with membrane technology to be applied mainly to associated gas for recovery of natural gas liquids.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on DOE/FETC's Internet address at <http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>. Prospective offerors who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is

available should register at <http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/index.html>. Provide your e-mail address and click on the "Oil and Gas" technology choice located under the heading "Fossil Energy." Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by e-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, e-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

ADDRESSES: Acquisition and Assistance Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond R. Jarr, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880; Telephone 304/285-4088.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE anticipates multiple cooperative agreement awards resulting from this solicitation and no fee or profit will be paid to a Recipient or subrecipient under the awards. Solicitations will not be distributed in paper form or on diskette. It is anticipated that the solicitation will be available on or about June 4, 1999. The exact date and time for the submission of proposals will be indicated in the solicitation. However, at least a thirty day response time is currently planned. It is DOE's desire to encourage the widest participation included the involvement of individuals, corporations, non-profit organizations, small and small disadvantaged businesses, educational institutions, and state or local governments or other entities. This particular program is covered by Section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPAAct 3002 requires a cost share commitment of 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development (Phase I of the project) and 50 percent from non-Federal sources for demonstration (Phase II of the project). The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made.

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Raymond R. Jarr,

Contract Specialist, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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