

Supplemental Announcement will be cooperative agreements.

DATES: The solicitation will be issued on or about July 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Solicitation once issued, can be obtained from the Golden Field Office Home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is soliciting Applications to develop and validate co-firing technology using a "closed-loop" feedstock supply. Respondents are encouraged to form appropriate consortia or other business arrangements with the agricultural community, industry, power producers, or other applicable organizations for the conduct of this venture. These arrangements are intended to demonstrate how cooperative efforts can lead to sustaining, economically beneficial, biomass power generation. "Closed-loop" refers to operations that specifically plant, grow, harvest, use, and regrow, at the same production site, any biomass fuel or feedstock in a sustainable, permanent manner that is in whole or in part used for an energy application. "Biomass", for the purpose of this Supplemental Announcement, means organic matter derived through the process of photosynthesis. "Co-firing", for the purpose of this Supplemental Announcement, refers to the combustion of biomass and coal, excluding lignite, for power production. Successful Applicants should demonstrate an approach to the integration and successful application of a "closed-loop" feedstock supply system and a technically viable co-firing boiler system for power production. The overall objective of selected projects is to successfully demonstrate the viability of co-firing "closed-loop" agricultural biomass as a supplemental fuel for power production. To meet this objective, successful applicants will: (1) determine the optimum parameters for low-cost, high-performance co-firing of "closed-loop" biomass fuels with coal of natural gas for power production through pilot-scale biomass co-firing tests; and (2) validate the operational viability of co-firing biomass with coal through a full-scale demonstration. Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements with a term of up to two years. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this Supplemental Announcement will be approximately \$1,500,000. DOE anticipates selecting one application for award under this Supplemental Announcement. A minimum cost share of 50% of total project costs is required

in order to be considered for award under this Supplemental Announcement. Solicitation Number DE-PS36-99GO10383, in conjunction with this Supplemental Announcement 13, 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. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for July 6, 1999, with responses due on August 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at 303-275-4722, e-mail ruth_adams@nrel.gov, or Robert Martin, Project Officer, at 303-275-4763, e-mail robert_martin@nrel.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Supplemental Announcement to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Co-Firing Biomass With Lignite

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Supplemental Announcement 14 to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications DE-PS36-99GO10383

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 Co-firing Biomass with Lignite. Financial assistance award(s) issued under this Supplemental Announcement will be cooperative agreements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is requesting public, private, and business proponents of biomass energy to undertake cost-shared projects that demonstrate the viability of co-firing biomass with lignite coal for power production. Respondents are

encouraged to form appropriate consortia or other business arrangements with biomass producers, industry, power producers, research institutions, or other applicable organizations for the conduct of this venture. These arrangements are intended to demonstrate how cooperative efforts can lead to sustaining, economically beneficial, power generation using lignite and biomass feedstock. The overall objective of selected project(s) is to successfully demonstrate the viability of co-firing biomass with lignite for power production. To meet this objective, successful applicants will: (1) Determine the optimum parameters for low-cost, high-performance co-firing of biomass with lignite through pilot-scale co-firing tests; and (2) validate the viability of co-firing biomass with lignite through a full-scale demonstration. Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements with a term of up to two years. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this Supplemental Announcement will be approximately \$1,000,000. DOE anticipates selecting one application for award under this Supplemental Announcement. A minimum cost share of 50% of total project costs is required in order to be considered for award under this Supplemental Announcement. Solicitation Number DE-PS36-99GO10383, in conjunction with this Supplemental Announcement 14, 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. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for July 6, 1999, with responses due on August 6, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with 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:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory

Board—Task Force on Fusion Energy

DATES AND TIMES: Friday, July 9, 1999, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lafayette Park Room, 14th and K Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Task Force on Fusion Energy is to review the Department of Energy's plans for research and development of four fusion related technologies—pulsed-power, lasers, ion drivers, and magnetic fusion—and to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on how to structure the Department's fusion energy programs, both inertial and magnetic. The findings and recommendation of the Task Force on Fusion Energy are to comment on the goals and objectives of the Department's fusion energy related programs, provide a critique of the current development strategies, suggest changes in the overall fusion energy roadmap, and recommended funding levels. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the draft findings and recommendations of the Task Force on Fusion Energy.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, July 9, 1999

- 9–9:10 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Introductions & Objectives—Dr. Richard Meserve, Task Force Chairman
- 9:10–9:30 a.m.—Overview: Draft Findings and Recommendations of the Task Force on Fusion Energy—Dr. Richard Meserve
- 9:30–10 a.m.—Fusion Energy Program Comments on the Draft Findings and Recommendations—Dr. N. Anne Davies, Associate Director, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences
- 10–10:30 a.m.—Inertial Confinement Fusion Program Comments on the Draft Findings and Recommendations—To Be Announced, Office of Defense Programs
- 10:30–10:45 a.m.—Break
- 10:45–11:30 a.m.—Public Comment Period
- 11:30 a.m.—Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a

fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, DC, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Task Force on Fusion Energy may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 1, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with 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:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Laboratory Operations Board.

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, July 15, 1999, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, ARC Building Auditorium, 12000 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Virginia 23606.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, July 15, 1999

- 8:30–9 a.m.—Opening Remarks—Co-Chairs: E. Moniz & J. McTague
- 9–9:30 a.m.—Status Reports
- 9:30–10 a.m.—Report on Technology Portfolio Analysis and Roadmaps
- 10–10:15 a.m.—Break
- 10:15–11 a.m.—Presentation on the Positive Results of Performance Based Management
- 11–12 p.m.—Discussion of the New Field Management Structure
- 12–1 p.m.—Lunch Break
- 1–2 p.m.—Discussion of New Work Plan
- 2–2:30 p.m.—Public Comment Period
- 2:30 p.m.—Adjourn

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Public Participation

The Chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Newport News, Virginia the Laboratory Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Laboratory Operations Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

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