

**DATES:** The solicitation will be issued in early January, 2000.

**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:** Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is seeking research and development proposals that can advance current market opportunities for biobased products and bioenergy systems, and facilitate the development of existing and new markets. A fundamental requirement of this solicitation will be to perform research, development, and demonstration that results in integrated co-products addressing at least two of the three major areas of chemicals, fuel, and/or power, where power can be electricity and/or heat.

A primary objective is to develop and demonstrate low-cost, value-added process streams such as gases, liquids and solids from the initial conversion process as precursors to producing power, steam, fuels, chemicals, and consumer products. A second primary objective is to develop the biomass feedstock handling, process chemistry, biochemistry, separation and recovery technologies, and power generation knowledge to upgrade these streams to final products. A dual approach is envisioned whereby biomass feedstocks can be utilized in their existing form or upgraded to value-added streams which can then be processed to recover end products.

This Supplemental Announcement will solicit projects in either of two different phases. Each phase is characterized by a goal of achieving and proving different levels of technology maturity. Phase A is intended to result in a minimum of a laboratory-scale demonstration of the proposed technology. Phase B will advance the technology through proof of prototype-scale hardware and complete a detailed design for a pilot-scale facility. Each applicant will be required to elect one of the two phases for consideration of an award for any given conversion process. Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements that will have a term of 12 months or potentially longer.

The total amount of DOE funds available under this Supplemental Announcement is \$4.3 million. Between two and four individual awards are anticipated in each of the two phases. The exact number of awards is subject to the results of the Merit Review process including the application of Program Policy Factors.

Issuance of the solicitation is planned for early January, 2000, with responses due on March 7, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at 303-275-4722, e-mail [ruth\\_adams@nre.gov](mailto:ruth_adams@nre.gov).

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on December 22, 1999.

**Matthew A. Barron,**

*Acting Procurement Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Financial Assistance Solicitation Availability

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Solicitation Available Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy is announcing its issuance of program solicitation number DE-PS26-00FT40776, entitled "Energy and Environmental Solutions." The areas of interest defined in the solicitation are: (1) Biomass and/or biosolids, and (2) Environmental Management Program. The Environmental Management Program area of interest is further separated into sub-areas as follows: (2A) Inner Layer Confinement Reduction Program, (2B) Technology Deployment Assistance, (2C) Technology Acceptance, (2D) Technology Evaluation, (2E) International Technology Studies, and (2F) Long-Term Stewardship.

**DATES:** The solicitation was issued on December 21, 1999, with the first application due date on February 2, 2000. Subsequent application due dates are May 3, 2000, and August 30, 2000. All requests for explanation or interpretation of any part of the solicitation shall be submitted in writing to the Contract Specialist at the mailing address or E-mail address provided below. For each application submission cycle, your written questions must be received by the Contract Specialist no later than 25 calendar days prior to the due date for submission of applications to allow sufficient time for a reply to reach all prospective applicants before the submission of their application. The Government reserves the right not to respond to questions submitted after this period, nor to respond to questions submitted by telephone or in person at any time. If the Government elects to answer the questions, the questions will

be answered via an amendment to the solicitation, with copies of both questions and answers included in the amendment, without reference to the originating sources.

**ADDRESSES:** The solicitation is available for viewing and downloading from NETL's Internet site at <http://www.NETL.doe.gov/business>. Solicitations will not be distributed on diskette or in paper form. DOE anticipates multiple financial assistance awards, grants or cooperative agreements, resulting from this solicitation. All amendments will be posted on the NETL Internet Homepage; therefore, applicants are encouraged to periodically check the NETL Homepage to ascertain the status of any amendments as hard copies will not be distributed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** D. Denise Riggi, I-07, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-0880; Telephone: (304) 285-4241; Telefax: (304) 285-4683; E-mail: [driggi@NETL.doe.gov](mailto:driggi@NETL.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The objective of this program solicitation is to provide financial support to develop cost effective, environmentally sound technologies and analytical capabilities needed to solve environmental problems from the cold war and alternative uses of biomass. Developing the technologies will assist in reducing the radioactive and hazardous waste risk at DOE sites and provide pollution prevention opportunities for biomass. The Program Areas of Interest are:

#### 1. Biomass and/or Biosolids

NETL is seeking to obtain general technical information, research and development in the following area relating to Biomass and/or Biosolids. Biomass is defined as "plant materials and animal waste used as a source of fuel." Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: co-firing of bio-material with coal and other fossil fuel; stand alone combustion; gasification; digestion and advanced research on components, controls and systems utilizing bio-material for power production; and, co-products and other gaseous, liquid or solid fuels derived from Biomass. Research, development and demonstration activities can be directed at solving energy and/or environmental problems. Opportunities can be in general economy or those of specialty markets and industries.

## 2. Environmental Management Program

The Office of Environmental Management (EM) is the Department of Energy (DOE) organization responsible for the cleanup of the DOE sites contaminated during operations during the cold war. The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) provides technical and management support to the DOE EM and specifically implements activities in support of the EM Office of Science and Technology (OST). The mission of the OST is to manage and direct a national, solution-oriented program that provides scientific foundation, new approaches, and new technologies to bring about significant reductions in risk, cost, and schedule in completing the EM cleanup mission. NETL's role is to implement programs to foster private sector companies to develop, demonstrate, and deploy cost-effective technologies that will be used to solve problems at multiple DOE sites. The private sector includes large and small businesses, private research institutes, and colleges and universities. To implement the overall science and technology program, EM has established "Focus Areas" to coordinate and focus technology development activities on the major problem areas that exist at the DOE sites. Specific areas of interest are defined by each of the Focus Areas and can be identified through the information sources provided in the solicitation. Significant areas of emphasis in the near term are defined in the solicitation.

Issued in Morgantown, WV, on December 22, 1999.

**Randolph L. Kesling,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division, National Energy Technology Laboratory.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos. 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:** Wednesday, January 26, 2000, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Nambe Pueblo, Tribal Council Meeting Room, Route 502, Arriba County.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-989-1662; Fax: 505-989-1752; E-mail: [adubois@doeal.gov](mailto:adubois@doeal.gov); or Internet <http://www.nmcab.org>.

**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. Opening Remarks, 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment, 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
3. Committee Reports: Environmental Restoration Monitoring and Surveillance Waste Management Community Outreach Budget
4. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

*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 Ann DuBois 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 beginning of the meeting.

*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 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 3, 2000.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**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:** Thursday, January 20, 2000: 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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

**FOR 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*

- 5:30 p.m.—Call to order/Discussion
- 6:00 p.m.—Approve Meeting Minutes
- 6:05 p.m.—Public Comments/Questions
- 6:30 p.m.—Presentations
- 7:15 p.m.—Sub Committee Reports
- 8:15 p.m.—Administrative Issues
- 8:30 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