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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management; Environmental Management Advisory Board; Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been renewed for a two-year period beginning on January 18, 2000. The Board will provide advice to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management with advice and recommendations on Environmental Management projects and issues, such as program budget, strategic planning, risk, technology development, the National Environmental Policy Act, long-term nuclear stewardship, science initiatives, worker health and safety, and program cost effectiveness, from the perspective of affected groups and State, Tribal, and local governments. Consensus recommendations to the Department of Energy from the Board on programmatic nationwide resolution of numerous difficult issues will help achieve the Department's objective of the safe and efficient cleanup of its contaminated sites.

Additionally, the renewal of the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been determined to be essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law and agreement. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

Further information regarding this Advisory Board may be obtained from Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the Department of Energy and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, NM

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the Department of Energy and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico (CT EIS), DOE/EIS-0293. DOE prepared the CT EIS pursuant to Public Law 105-119. The CT EIS provides DOE and its stakeholders an analysis of the environmental impacts that could result from DOE's conveyance or transfer of up to approximately 4,800 acres of land located in north-central New Mexico to either the Incorporated County of Los Alamos or the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. DOE distributed the CT EIS (which is dated October 1999) in January 2000, concurrent with a related Report to Congress (the Combined Data Report) that is also required by Public Law 105-119.

ADDRESSES: Written requests for copies of the CT EIS or requests for information about the proposed action should be directed to: Elizabeth Withers, CT EIS Document Manager, U.S. DOE, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; by calling Ms. Withers at (505) 667-8690; fax (505) 665-4872; or electronic mail at cteis@doeal.gov. The CT EIS will be available under the NEPA Analysis Module of the DOE NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CT EIS was prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*], the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations [40 CFR Part 1500] and the DOE NEPA regulations [10 CFR Part 1021]. DOE held public hearings on the Draft CT EIS in Pojoaque and Los Alamos, New Mexico, during a 45-day public comment period that ended April 12, 1999. DOE considered all public comments received in preparing this Final CT EIS.

In accordance with Section 632 of Public Law 105-119, enacted on November 26, 1997, DOE proposes to convey or transfer certain land tracts located at Los Alamos National Laboratory that are not needed to support DOE's national security mission and that can be environmentally remediated or restored before November 26, 2007, by either conveyance to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, or by transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. Criteria established by Public Law 105-119 for determining if land is suitable for conveyance or transfer include the requirement that the land be suitable for use by the named recipients for the purposes of environmental, historic or cultural preservation, economic diversification purposes, or community self-sufficiency purposes.

The CT EIS analyzes two alternatives: (1) The No Action Alternative and (2) the Conveyance and Transfer of Each Tract Alternative (the Proposed Action). Under the No Action Alternative, DOE would continue its historical use of each of the land tracts identified as potentially being suitable for conveyance and transfer. Under the Conveyance and Transfer of Each Tract (Proposed Action) Alternative, the conveyance or transfer of each tract identified as suitable is considered, either in whole or in part, to either Los Alamos County or their designee, or the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. DOE's Preferred Alternative is a subset of the Proposed Action Alternative, namely to convey or transfer approximately 4,021 acres, including several of the tracts of land entirely and several tracts in part (portions without potential contamination issues or mission support questions). Environmental restoration activities would continue under current or future plans for the tracts that require such action and will include coordination with the State of New Mexico and public involvement.

The CT EIS compares the environmental impacts that could be

expected to occur from continuing to use the subject tracts of land as currently planned for the next 10 years with the direct consequences expected from conveying or transferring suitable tracts, in whole or in part, to the recipients named in Public Law 105-119, together with the indirect consequences expected from the subsequent development and use of the tracts by the receiving parties. Floodplain and wetlands assessments are included in an appendix to the CT EIS. In accordance with Public Law 105-119, DOE has also issued a separate Environmental Restoration Report for the land tracts being considered for conveyance or transfer. The Environmental Restoration Report describes the type and extent of environmental contamination, the regulatory status of the site contamination, potential waste generation associated with the environmental cleanup, and the estimated costs and duration of cleanups. The Environmental Restoration Report can be obtained by contacting Ms. Elizabeth Withers as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

In accordance with Public Law 105-119, DOE prepared and sent to Congress the Combined Data Report, which summarizes the CT EIS and the Environmental Restoration Report. DOE also has distributed copies of the CT EIS and the associated Environmental Restoration Report to the State of New Mexico, American Indian tribal and pueblo governments, local county governments, other Federal agencies, and other interested parties.

DOE intends to issue a Record of Decision in early 2000, and will consider the information in the Final CT EIS and the Environmental Restoration Report, and other factors such as economic and technical considerations, in deciding the action it will take regarding the conveyance and transfer of the subject tracts.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office; Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT); Notice of the Glass Industry of the Future Solicitation

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy announces its interest in receiving applications for federal assistance for cost shared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the U.S. glass industry. The key objective of this solicitation and the resulting projects are improvement of the manufacture of glass in the U.S. focusing on production efficiency, energy efficiency, environmental protection and recycling, and innovative types and/or uses of glass. These objectives are intended to be achieved through several avenues, including the development of improved technologies and better application of existing technologies.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about February 15, 2000 on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Operations Office Acquisition and Assistance Group Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00CH11037. Applications are due on or about April 3, 2000. Awards are anticipated by August 1, 2000, pending availability of funding.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: David E. Ramirez, Bldg. 201, Communications Center, Room 168, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Ramirez at (630) 252-2133; by mail at U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899; by facsimile at (630) 252-5045; or by electronic mail at david.ramirez@ch.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DOE through its Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) supports industries in their efforts to increase energy efficiency, reduce waste and increase productivity. The goal of OIT is to accelerate the development and use of advanced energy efficiency, renewable and pollution prevention technologies that benefit industry, the environment, and U.S. energy security. OIT's core program is the Industries of the Future Program (IOF), which focuses on basic materials and processing industries such as the glass industry.

Solicitation Topics

In keeping with the IOF strategy, this solicitation will seek applications for financial assistance in projects that address the research needs identified in one or more of the topical areas listed below:

A. Production Efficiency

New ways of improving product quality and increasing volume using existing furnaces must be developed if each manufacturing sector is to maintain its revenue. Applications will be sought in the areas of advanced technologies that can cost-effectively enhance glass-manufacturing capabilities.

B. Energy Efficiency

The industry believes the development of more energy-efficient manufacturing technologies will achieve significant energy savings and help to strengthen the competitiveness of glass products both internationally and with other materials, especially in the event that energy prices rise significantly. Applications will be sought in the areas of advanced technologies to effectively reduce the energy use in glass manufacturing.

C. Environment

The glass industry would be much better equipped to reduce emissions if it had a stronger understanding of the formation and fate of emissions in current processes, as well as a better understanding of the fundamental process mechanisms and chemical reactions involved. Applications will be sought for technology and underlying fundamental knowledge in reduced emissions and increased recycling.

D. Innovative Uses of Glass

The industry needs to develop more cost-effective manufacturing techniques to compete against other materials in new and existing markets, and support business and technical research to create completely new, innovative glass-containing products and processes in markets which previously did not use glass products. Applications will be sought for processing techniques and underlying fundamental knowledge that will enable improved or innovative glass products.

All projects must contribute to enhancing the economic competitiveness of the glass industry through significant benefits in energy and environmental quality. Subtopics and specific details under the above topical areas will be available in the solicitation document.