

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren.Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

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 Leader, Regulatory 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.

Dated: January 15, 2003.

John D. Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: The Smaller Learning Communities Program (SLC) (1890-0001) (SC).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 700.

Burden Hours: 47000.

Abstract: The grant application package includes information for grant applicants, including priorities, selection criteria and requirements, along with relevant ED forms and non-regulatory guidance for the SLCP.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grants Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb/ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2211. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS07-03ID14453]

Chemical Industry of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost shared research and development (R&D) of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the domestic chemical industry. The R&D will focus on technology development in the areas of catalysis and catalytic engineering, and separations technologies.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-03ID14453 was January 14, 2003. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on April 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) provides the

medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinsm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$6 million in federal funds are expected to be available to fund the first 12 months of selected research projects. Subject to the availability of funds, approximately \$30 million is planned to fund the remaining years of the projects. DOE anticipates making 6 to 10 cooperative agreement awards, each with a duration of three to five years or less. A minimum of two industrial chemical companies must be involved. Awardees are required to develop collaborative project teams, which can include industry, university, and national laboratory participants. The statutory authority for this program is the U.S. Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on January 13, 2003.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS07-02ID14442]

Sensors, Controls, and Automation Crosscutting Technologies

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research, development and demonstration of innovative sensor, control, automation and wireless technologies that will reduce energy consumption, minimize environmental impacts, and enhance economic competitiveness in U.S. industrial manufacturing. This solicitation addresses two separate topics:

1. Crosscutting sensors and controls, and
2. Industrial wireless telemetry

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14442 was January 15, 2003. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. MDT.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation will be available in its full text on the Internet by going to the DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. This will provide the medium for disseminating solicitations and amendments to solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then click on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wade Hillebrant, Contract Specialist at hillebtw@id.doe.gov, or Dallas L. Hoffer, Contracting Officer at hofferdl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Information about the Office of Industrial Technologies Sensors and Automation program, refer to URL: http://www.oit.doe.gov/sens_cont/. The IOF industry-specific vision documents and technology roadmaps are available at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/> under individual IOF program areas.

DOE anticipates making up to 4 cooperative agreement awards under this solicitation. Approximately \$12 million in federal funds are expected to be available to fund selected research projects over a five-year period. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects over the life of the project. The cooperative agreements will be awarded in accordance with DOE Financial Assistance Regulations, Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter II Subchapter H, Part 600 (10 CFR 600). The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

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R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Grand Coulee-Bell 500-kV Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to construct the proposed Grand Coulee-Bell 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project in Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, and Spokane Counties, Washington, based on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for this project (DOE/EIS-0344, December 2002). The proposed action consists of constructing a new 500-kV transmission line in Washington between the Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee 500-kV switchyard near Grand Coulee and BPA's Bell Substation near Spokane, a distance of 84 miles.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA toll-free at 1-888-276-7790. The ROD and EIS Summary are also available on the Transmission Business Line Web site at <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Inez S. Graetzer, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; toll-free telephone number 1-800-282-3713; fax number 503-230-5699; or e-mail isgraetzer@bpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action involves removing an existing 115-kV transmission line and replacing it with a 500-kV line on existing right-of-way for most of its length. The line will be constructed using a single-circuit design, with the exception of two short distances of slightly less than one mile where double-circuit towers will be used because the right-of-way is constrained. As part of the proposed action, BPA has decided to expand the existing fenced yard at Bell Substation by about 11.7 acres; slightly expand the fenced area at Grand Coulee Switchyard to accommodate new line termination facilities and other equipment; install one group of series capacitors on an expanded site at BPA's Dworshak 500-kV Substation in Clearwater County, Idaho; and replace existing series capacitors within the current boundary of BPA's Garrison 500-kV Substation in Powell County, Montana. All mitigation measures have been updated, adopted,

and included with the ROD. A Mitigation Action Plan will be prepared to be included in the construction specifications to ensure mitigation measures are implemented.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on January 10, 2003.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-27-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Application

December 23, 2002.

Take notice that on December 16, 2002, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P. O. Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210-4967, filed in Docket No. CP03-27-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and Part 157 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), for authorization to abandon in place certain obsolete compressor units and appurtenant facilities, located at thirteen (13) of Panhandle's existing compressor stations in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Panhandle states that the fifty-nine compressor units proposed to be abandoned, with a net book value as of December 31, 2002 of \$93,148 and totaling 68,200 HP, are obsolete and uneconomical to operate and are no longer needed due to changes in the operating configuration of its system since the units were initially installed. Panhandle states that 10 are field area horizontal and vertical compressor units and 49 are market area horizontal and vertical compressor units. Panhandle states that all above-ground gas and service piping to the units will be