

the governors of those States have declared to be disaster areas, as well as for schools and the school district on Guam. Since it is impossible to predict whether continued disruptions in utility service will preclude the submission of applications by January 26, 1998, the Secretary also will consider, on a case-by-case basis, a written request received by January 26, 1998, for a further extension of the application deadline for any school or school district in these affected areas that confirms its inability to meet the January 26 application deadline because of continued storm-related disruptions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of dates of submission of State revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year 1997 and of revisions to those reports.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces dates for the submission by State educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and

average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey) for fiscal year (FY) 1997. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census is the data collection agent for the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 1999 appropriated funds.

**DATES:** The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 15, 1998. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, Room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD, by 4 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 8, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lawrence R. MacDonald, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 457-1574. 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.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this notice in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Room 410E, Washington, DC 20208-5651.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of section 404(a) of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9003(a)), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average State per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education.

In addition to using the SPPE data as useful information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Title I), Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 1998, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 1998, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification.

Having accurate information, on time, is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process, as well as the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 8, 1998,

as the final date by which ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 8, the data may also be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Intent to Solicit Applications for Financial Assistance Awards

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for financial assistance number DE-PS07-98ID13605—Advanced Drilling Systems Research.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal

Technologies, Advanced Drilling Systems Research Program, via the Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID), is seeking applications for cost-shared cooperative agreements for industry-government Research & Development projects to develop advanced drilling technologies and transfer the results to industry. These new developments can then be used by the U.S. geothermal industry to solve technical problems.

**DATES:** The anticipated issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-98ID13605 is January 26, 1998. A copy of the solicitation in its full text can be found at the following Internet address: <http://www.inel.gov/doeid/solicit.html> under ACurent Solicitations.@ Also, application packages and instructions (including all required forms, certifications and assurances) are available at this website. The website is the agency preferred method for interested parties to obtain the solicitation and application information. Interested parties requiring hardcopies should request them in writing (preferably via e-mail) from the Contracting Officer below. The website will be the official notification medium for any possible changes in the solicitation. All interested parties should monitor the website during the application period.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications shall be submitted to: Mr. Michael K. Barrett, Contracting Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563, e-mail: [barretmk@inel.gov](mailto:barretmk@inel.gov), Tele: (208) 526-5743, Fax: (208) 526-5548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael K. Barrett, Contracting Officer at (208) 526-5743 or Willetia Amos, Program Manager at (208) 526-4097; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(a) with no eligibility restrictions. The statutory authority for the issuance of this solicitation is Public Law 93-410, the Geothermal Energy Research, Development & Demonstration Act of 1974. The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.087.

This notice is also intended to promote the formation of industry partnerships, to stimulate interaction among potential participants, and to encourage organizations to investigate creative solutions. Funding for phase I will be available to support several awards for a period of approximately six

to twelve months. Funding for phase II will be available to support one or more awards, for a period of 12-24 months. Applications may include Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, but only as lower tier participants with funding for their expected costs provided through their existing arrangements with the Government.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-4-000]

#### AOG Gas Transmission Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

January 15, 1998.

Take notice that on January 6, 1998, AOG Gas Transmission Company, L.P. (AOGGT) filed pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's Regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve its existing system-wide rates of \$0.0019 per Mmbtu applicable to transportation service rendered from its system in the state of Oklahoma, and \$0.1023 per Mmbtu applicable to transportation service rendered from its system in the state of New Mexico. These rates will be applicable to the transportation of natural gas under Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the date of this filing, the rates will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150 day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and