

at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room at the start of each 9 a.m. meeting.

Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC, office. The Board will hold the record open until November 24, 2003, for the receipt of additional materials. Transcripts of the meetings will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meetings and hearings, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the meetings and hearings, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**John T. Conway,**

*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information 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 October 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, 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 [Karen\\_F\\_Lee@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Karen_F_Lee@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 Information 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: September 23, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS).

*Frequency:* Semi-annually; annually; biennially.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 634.

Burden Hours: 267.

*Abstract:* NEILS will provide the first national picture of the experiences and outcomes of infants/toddlers in early intervention. The study will inform special education policy development and support Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measurement and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization with data from parents, service providers, and teachers of children who received early intervention services.

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 2310. 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 or to the e-mail address [Vivan.Reese@ed.gov](mailto:Vivan.Reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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

[Solicitation Number DE-PS36-03GO93016]

### Hydrogen Education Development

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is soliciting financial assistance Applications with the objective of contributing to industry efforts and the President's Hydrogen Fuel Initiative in developing a path to a hydrogen economy. DOE intends to provide financial support for this effort under authority of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91. DOE is soliciting Applications for hydrogen education development activities.

**DATES:** The Solicitation was issued on September 13, 2003 with a closing date on December 4, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the Solicitation, interested parties should access the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. The Solicitation can be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by Browsing Opportunities by Program Office, (Enter IIPS), Financial Assistance, Golden Field Office, and then selecting this Solicitation number. DOE will not issue paper copies of the Solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Damm, Contracting Officer, via

facsimile to (303) 275-4788 or electronically to [james.damm@go.doe.gov](mailto:james.damm@go.doe.gov). Solicitation questions must be submitted through IIPS per the instructions contained in the Solicitation. Responses to questions will be posted on the IIPS Web site. Further information on DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program can be viewed at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under this Solicitation, DOE seeks Applications for four specific activities intended to educate key target audiences, including teachers, students, and the public about the use of hydrogen as an energy carrier and the future path to a hydrogen economy.

Awards under this Solicitation will be Grants or Cooperative Agreements with terms of one to five years beginning in Fiscal Year 2004. Subject to the availability of annual congressional appropriations, the total cumulative DOE funding available under this Solicitation for all projects is anticipated to be between \$1 million and \$3.5 million over the five-year period. The minimum required cost share varies by specific activity and will be specified in the Solicitation.

Issued in Golden, Colorado.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-04NT41898 entitled "Support of Advanced Coal Research at U.S. Colleges and Universities." Pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b), DOE has determined that issuance of this financial assistance solicitation on a restricted eligibility is necessary and appropriate.

In support of advanced coal research to U.S. colleges and universities, financial assistance awards under this Program Solicitation are intended to maintain and upgrade the education, training, and research capabilities of our colleges and universities in the fields of

science, environment, energy, and technology related to coal. The involvement of professors and students generates fresh research ideas and enhances the education of future scientist and engineers.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available for downloading on the DOE/NETL's Home page at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> and the IIPS "Industry Interactive Procurement System" Internet page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about September 26, 2003. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions in the Program Solicitation and must be received by November 6, 2003. Prior to submitting your application to the solicitation, periodically check the NETL Web site for any amendments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jodi L. Collins, MS 107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, *E-mail Address:* [jodi.collins@netl.doe.gov](mailto:jodi.collins@netl.doe.gov). *Telephone Number:* (304) 285-1390.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through Program Solicitation DE-PS26-04NT41898, the DOE is interested in applications from U.S. colleges and universities, and university-affiliated research centers submitting applications through their respective universities. Applications will be selected to complement and enhance research being conducted in related Fossil Energy programs. Applications will be subjected to a merit review by a technical panel of DOE subject-matter experts and external peer reviewers. Awards will be made to a limited number of applicants based on: The scientific merit of the applications, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

#### Eligibility

To assure this Program continues to support the performance of high quality fundamental research by professors and students at U.S. colleges and universities, applications must be submitted by U.S. colleges, universities, and university-affiliated research institutions provided the following criteria are met:

- Principal Investigator or a Co-Principal Investigator listed on the application is a teaching professor at the submitting university. If this condition is met, other participants, including Co-Principal Investigators or research staff, who do not hold teaching positions may be included as part of the research.

- Proposals from university-affiliated research institutions must be submitted through the college or university with which they are affiliated.

- At least one student registered at the university is to receive compensation for work performed in the conduct of research proposed in the Core and the Innovative Concepts Phase-II Subprograms. This criterion is not applicable in the Innovative Concepts Phase-I Subprogram where the grants are of shorter duration and funded at lower levels to develop unique ideas applicable to coal utilization and conversion.

- Under the Innovative Concepts Phase-I Grants, research may be done by either the Principal Investigator, postdoctoral students, or graduate students.

Additional restricted eligibility is also imposed on the Innovative Concepts Phase-II Grants. Only Innovative Concepts Phase-I grantees will be eligible to compete for subsequent Phase-II continuation of their Phase-I projects.

#### Background

##### *FY 2004 Focus Areas/Technical Topics*

The current landscape of the U.S. energy industry, not unlike that in other parts of the world, is undergoing a transformation driven by changes such as deregulation of power generation, more stringent environmental standards and regulations, climate change concerns, and other market forces. With these changes come new players and a refocusing of existing players in providing energy services and products. The traditional settings of how energy (both electricity and fuel) is generated, transported, and utilized are likely to be very different in the coming decades. As market, policy, and regulatory forces evolve and shape the energy industry both domestically and globally, the opportunity exists for university, government, and industry partnerships to invest in advanced fossil energy technologies that can return public and economic benefits many times over. These benefits are achievable through the development of advanced coal technologies for the marketplace.

Energy from coal-fired powerplants will continue to play a dominant role as an energy source, and therefore, it is prudent to use this resource wisely and ensure that it remains part of the sustainable energy solution. In that regard, our focus is on pathways to clean, affordable energy achieved through a combination of technology evolution and innovation aimed at creating the most advanced collection of