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The meeting will be held on Friday February 23, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Room A149, Building 224, at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD, for interested parties. The meeting will discuss the possible formation of a research consortium including NIST and manufacturing industry to conduct research in this area. This is not a grant program.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 23, 1996. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their attendance at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below no later than February 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Room A149, Building 224, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg MD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Takashi Kashiwagi, Building 224, Room B-258, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Telephone: 301-975-6699; FAX: 301-975-4052; e-mail: tkfire@enh.nist.gov.

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Samuel Kramer,  
Associate Director.

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### **Announcement of a Meeting To Discuss an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium for the NIST-EPRI Ultrasonic Flow Meter Test Program**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on March 22, 1996 to discuss the possibility of setting up a cooperative research consortium with the purpose of evaluating clamp-on time-of-travel ultrasonic flow meters. Parties interested in participating in the consortium should be prepared to invest adequate resources in the collaboration

and be firmly committed to the goal of developing performance evaluation.

Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may provide "personnel, service, facilities, equipment or other resources with or without reimbursement (but not funds to non-federal parties)"—to the cooperative research program.

The meeting will be held on March 22, 1996 at 9 a.m., lecture room D, Building 101, at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD, for interested parties. The meeting will discuss the possible formation of a research consortium including NIST and industry to conduct research in this area. This is not a grant program.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 22, 1996. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their attendance at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below no later than February 22, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 9 a.m., lecture room D, Building 101, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. George Mattingly, Fluid Mechanics Building, room 105, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Telephone: 301-975-5939; FAX: 301-258-9201.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Army**

#### **Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 13 & 14 February 1996.

*Time of Meeting:* 0800-1600, 13 & 14 February 1996.

*Place:* Pentagon—Washington, DC.

#### **Agenda**

The Army Science Board (ASB) C4I Issue Group Study on "The Impact of Information Warfare on Army

Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) Systems" will meet for two days to hear selected briefings on the study subject. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (4) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The proprietary matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

Michelle P. Diaz,

*Acting Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.*

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#### **Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 15 & 16 February 1996.

*Time of Meeting:* 0900-1700, 15 February 1996. 1000-1700, 16 February 1996.

*Place:* Pentagon—Washington, DC.

#### **Agenda**

The Army Science Board (ASB) Summer Study on "Technical Architecture on Army Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) Systems" will meet for two days to hear selected briefings on the study subject. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (4) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The proprietary matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

Michelle P. Diaz,

*Acting Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.*

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#### **Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 7 & 8 February 1996.

*Time of Meeting:* 0900-1700, 7 February 1996; 0930-1700, 8 February 1996.

Place: Pentagon—Washington, DC.

#### Agenda

The Army Science Board (ASB) Ad Hoc Study on "Army Digitization Information Systems Vulnerabilities and Security" will meet for two days to hear selected briefings on the study subject. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (4) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The proprietary matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

Michelle P. Diaz,

*Acting Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Fossil Resource Utilization by Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center (PETC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Restricted Eligibility.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to U.S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities who can show evidence of a collaborative effort with industry, in support of innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. Applications will be subjected to a technical merit review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of applicants on the basis of the scientific merit of the application, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John R. Columbia, U.S. Department of Energy, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412) 892-6219, FAX: (412) 892-6216. The solicitation will be provided on a 3.5", double sided/high density diskette, using Word Perfect 5.1 for DOS, and the solicitation will also be made available on DOE's PETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.petc.doe.gov/business>). If the diskette version of the solicitation is incompatible with the applicant's

computer system, or if applicants are unable to access the Internet System, a paper copy of the solicitation will be available, upon receipt of a written request submitted via facsimile (fax) at (412) 892-6216.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Title of Solicitation

"Support of Fossil Resource Utilization by Historically Black Colleges and Universities"

##### Objectives

Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS22-96PC96201, the Department of Energy seeks applications from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and HBCU-affiliated research institutes in collaboration with the private sector for innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. The resultant grants are intended to maintain and upgrade educational, training, and research capabilities of our HBCUs in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources; to foster private sector participation, collaboration, and interaction with HBCUs; and to provide for the exchange of technical information and to raise the overall level of HBCU competitiveness with other institutions in the field of fossil energy research and development. Thus, the establishment of linkages between the HBCU and private sector fossil energy community is critical to the success of this program, and consistent with the Nation's goal of ensuring a future supply of fossil fuel scientists and engineers from a previously under-utilized resource.

##### Eligibility

Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is restricted to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and HBCU-affiliated research institutes, and only those that meet all of the following criteria may submit applications in response to this solicitation: The Principal Investigator or a Co-Principal Investigator must be a teaching professor at the submitting university listed in the application; and at least one student registered at the university is to be compensated for work performed in the conduct of research proposed in the application; and each HBCU applicant must reflect collaboration with industry, i.e., the private sector. Applications from HBCU-affiliated research institutes must be submitted through the college or university with which they are

affiliated. The university (not the university-affiliated research institute) will be the recipient of any resultant DOE grant award. A small or large business enterprise will qualify as a "private" sector entity; however, the following are specifically excluded from recognition as private sector collaborators: Federal, state and/or local government agencies and non-HBCU colleges and universities. Collaboration by the private sector with the HBCU may be in the form of cash cost sharing, consultation, HBCU access to industrial facilities or equipment, experimental data and/or equipment not available at the university, or as a subgrantee/subcontractor to the HBCU.

##### Areas of Interest

In order to develop and sustain a national program of HBCU research in advanced and fundamental fossil fuels studies, the Department is interested in innovative research and development of advance concepts pertinent to fossil fuel conversion and utilization limited to the following eight (8) technical topics:

- Topic 1—Advanced Environmental Control Technology for Coal
- Topic 2—Advanced Coal Utilization
- Topic 3—Coal Liquefaction Technology
- Topic 4—Heavy Oil Upgrading and Processing
- Topic 5—Advanced Environmental and Recovery Technologies for Oil
- Topic 6—Advanced Environmental and Recovery Technologies for Natural Gas
- Topic 7—Environmental Issues Related to Oil and Gas Exploration and the Disappearance of the Wetlands
- Topic 8—Faculty/Student Exploratory Grants

Note: This is the only topic (Topic eight (8)) under this Program Solicitation that does not require initial private sector collaboration for an application to be considered for selection.

##### Awards

DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (grants) for each project. DOE reserves the right to support or not support any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards may be made through the solicitation subject to funds available in this fiscal year. The limitation on the maximum DOE funding for each selected grant to be awarded under this Program Solicitation is as follows:

	Maximum award
Topics 1-7: To 12 months grant duration .....	\$80,000.00