

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

	Maximum award
13–24 months grant duration	140,000.00
25–60 months grant duration	200,000.00
Topic 8: To 12 months grant duration	10,000.00

Approximately \$860,000.00 is planned for this solicitation; however, at the present time, in the absence of a signed approved Appropriations Bill, funds are not yet available. The total should provide support for approximately four to six R&D application selections (Topics 1–7), and approximately two to four facility/student exploratory application selections (Topic 8).

Solicitation Release Date

The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about February 7, 1996. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation. To be eligible, applications must be submitted to the designated DOE office by the closing date specified in the Program Solicitation (anticipated to be on or about March 22, 1996).

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Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collections Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request submitted for review by the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted energy information collections to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be filed within 30 days of publication of this notice. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395–3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Statistical Standards at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Herbert Miller, Office of Statistical Standards, (EI–73), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585–0670. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426–1103; e-mail: hmler@eia.doe.gov; (FAX 202–426–1081).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collections listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor; i.e., the DOE component), current OMB document number (if applicable), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits), and type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (3) a description of the need and proposed uses of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden (number of respondents per year times the average number of responses per respondent annually times the average burden per response).

The energy information collections submitted to OMB for review were:

1. Forms EIA–1, 3, 3A, 4, 5, 5A, 6, 7A, and 20, “Coal Program Package”

2. Energy Information Administration; Docket Number 1905–0167; Response Obligation—Mandatory; and Revision—Significant changes in the Coal Program Package since the EIA requested comments earlier this year are: The frequency of the EIA–6 will be reduced from quarterly to annual. Additionally, a supplemental schedule, designated Schedule Q, will collect quarterly data

on coal production and stocks from coal-producing companies that produce more than 30,000 short tons annually, and coal stocks from non-producing coal distributors that maintain coal stocks averaging more than 10,000 short tons per quarter. It is anticipated that these revisions to the EIA–6 will reduce respondent reporting burden by 5,900 hours, while maintaining the quarterly coal production and stock data.

3. The Coal Program Package surveys collect data on coal production, consumption, stocks, prices, imports and exports. EIA coal data and analyses are used by Congress, Federal agencies, and State and local governments to reach decisions on national and local policies and a variety of important coal-related issues. These include energy development and use, environmental protection, domestic welfare, and the health of the coal industry. Respondents are manufacturing plants, producers of coke, purchasers and distributors of coal, coal mining operators, and coal-consuming electric utilities.

4. Business or other for-profit; Federal Government, and State, Local, or Tribal Government

5. 12,492 total annual burden hours (6,733 respondents \times 1.73 responses per respondent \times 1.06 hours per response).

Statutory Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13).

Issued in Washington, DC, January 30, 1996.

John Gross,

Acting Director, Office of Statistical Standards, Energy Information Administration.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96–154–000]

K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 30, 1996.

Take notice that on January 24, 1996, K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co. (K N Interstate), P.O. Box 281304, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228, filed, in the above docket a request pursuant to Sections 157.205(b) and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205(b) and 157.212), for authorization to install and operate a new delivery tap located in Yuma County, Colorado. The proposed tap will be added as a new delivery point under an existing transportation