

Chambers on April 13, 1999, at 7 p.m. The address of the City Commission Chambers is: 228 South Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, Florida. In addition, DOE will hold an informational session at the same location from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 13. Displays and other materials and DOE personnel will be available to provide information about the proposed action.

DOE requests that anyone who wishes to speak at this public scoping meeting contact Mr. Joseph Martin, either by phone, fax, computer, or in writing (see **ADDRESSES** in this Notice). Individuals who do not make advance arrangements to speak may register at the meeting and will be given the opportunity to speak after all previously scheduled speakers have made their presentations. Speakers who wish to make presentations longer than five minutes should indicate the length of time desired in their request. Depending on the number of speakers, it may be necessary to limit speakers to five minute presentations initially, with the opportunity for additional presentations as time permits. Speakers can also provide additional written information to supplement their presentations. Oral and written comments will be given equal consideration.

DOE will begin the meeting with an overview of the proposed McIntosh Unit 4 demonstration project. A presiding officer will be designated by DOE to chair the meeting. The meeting will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing, and speakers will not be cross-examined.

However, speakers may be asked to clarify their statements to ensure that DOE fully understands the comments or suggestions. The presiding officer will establish the order of speakers and provide any additional procedures necessary to conduct the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of March, 1999.

Peter N. Brush,

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Environment, Safety and Health.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice Inviting Financial Assistance Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to successful applicants. Awards will be made to a limited number of applicants based on a scientific and engineering evaluation of the responses received to determine the relative merit of the approach taken in response to this offering by the DOE, and funding availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Toppetta, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412)892-5715, FAX: (412)892-6216, E-mail: toppetta@fetc.doe.gov. The solicitation (available in Portable Document Format (PDF)) will be released on DOE's FETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit>) on or about March 23, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation: "Improved Natural Gas Storage Well Remediation"

Objectives: Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40060, the DOE seeks applications from qualified sources for research and development efforts that address storage well damage issues associated with underground geologic reservoirs, such as depleted oil/gas fields, aquifers, etc.; however, such research and development efforts must *not* include underground storage tanks or mined salt caverns. The general objectives of this research and development effort are to (1) characterize the geochemical conditions of underground geologic natural gas storage reservoirs and injection/withdrawal wells for a selected set of damage mechanisms that lead to decreased performance characteristics and (2) design and successfully demonstrate practical and cost effective remedial techniques for those damage mechanisms. The damage mechanisms to be considered are (1) inorganic precipitates, (2) hydrocarbons, organic residues, and production chemicals, (3) bacterial fouling and plugging, and (4) particulate fouling and plugging.

Eligibility: Applications are welcome from all qualified sources. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor.

Areas of Interest: DOE is interested in development of the above described mechanisms for improved remediation

design, especially for effective shallow damage remedial treatments.

Awards: DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (grants) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, 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.

Solicitation Release Date: The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about March 23, 1999. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation.

Richard D. Rogus,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice Inviting Financial Assistance Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for the program entitled "Development of Feed System for Alternative Feedstocks for Gasification." Through this solicitation, FETC seeks to support applications in the following areas of interest: (1) Wet Gasification Feed Systems, and (2) Dry Gasification Feed Systems. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of applicants based on a scientific and engineering evaluation of the responses received to determine the relative merit of the approach taken in response to this offering by the DOE, and funding availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Mundorf, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412) 892-4483, FAX: (412) 892-6216, E-mail: mundorf@fetc.doe.gov. The solicitation (available in both WordPerfect 6.1 and Portable Document Format (PDF)) will be released on DOE's

FETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit>) on or about April 2, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation: "Development of Feed System for Alternative Feedstocks for Gasification"

Objectives: Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40432, the Department of Energy seeks applications for innovative technical approaches to co-feed alternative feedstocks with coal to a gasifier to broaden the base of fuels utilized in a gasifier. This solicitation is specifically aimed at identifying opportunities and constraints to the use of co-feeding alternative feedstocks and the development and testing of technologies for co-feeding coal with alternatives feedstocks such as biomass, municipal solid waste, animal wastes, other difficult-to-feed industrial streams, and lower quality coals or coal wastes. This solicitation is limited to those technologies, processes, and concepts that are applicable for co-feeding to a gasifier under pressure and with coal being the primary component of the feedstock.

Eligibility: Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is considered to be full and open. All interested parties may apply. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor.

Areas of Interest: The Department is interested in obtaining applications to improve gasification systems for co-feeding alternative feedstocks into gasifiers under pressure in the following areas of interest: (1) Wet Gasification Systems: Liquid feed systems primarily designed to handle feed materials that are hydrocarbon liquids or are solids slurried in water. Technical topics include: (a) property alteration or conversion to be suitable as a liquid or slurry feed; and (b) new or improved feed system equipment and design; and (2) Dry Gasification Systems: Co-mixtures of dry materials with coal that incorporate significantly different material properties to be fed with uniform and consistent performance. Technical topics include: (a) equipment and processes to modify the alternative feed materials and blend into acceptable co-mixtures; and (b) equipment modifications and improvements to the feed system.

Awards: DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not

support, with or without discussions, 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. Approximately \$9.5 million of DOE funding is planned for this solicitation (\$1.5 million Project Period I, \$4 million Project Period II, and \$4 million for Project Period III). The estimated funding by the DOE is planned to be \$0.5 million per award for Project Period I and \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million for Project Period II, with remaining funds for Project Period III. The DOE intends to solicit Renewal Applications for subsequent Project Periods only from those organizations selected for Project Period I. Cost sharing by the applicant is required, and details of the cost sharing requirement are contained in the solicitation.

Solicitation Release Date: The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about April 2, 1999. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation.

Richard D. Rogus,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 22, 1999, 1:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m., and Friday, April 23, 1999, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W. (Room 1E-245), Washington, D.C. 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James T. Melillo, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Environmental Management Advisory Board (EM-1), 1000 Independence Avenue S.W. (Room 5B-171), Washington, D.C. 20585. The telephone number is 202-586-4400. The Internet address is james.melillo@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Advisory Program from the perspective of affected groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will contribute to the effective operation of the Environmental Management Program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested groups an opportunity to present their views on issues facing the Office of Environmental Management and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on these issues.

Tentative Agenda*

Thursday, April 22, 1999

1:00 p.m.—Public Meeting Opens.
Opening Remarks.
Privatization Committee Report.
Technology Development & Transfer Committee Report.
Break.
Worker Health & Safety Committee Report.
Accelerating Closure Committee Report.
Public Comment Period.
6:00 p.m.—Wrap up—Adjourn.

Friday, April 23, 1999

8:30 a.m.—Public Meeting Opens.
Science Committee Report.
Long Term Stewardship Committee Report.
Break.
Public Comment Period.
Board Business.
Public Comment Period.

12:15 p.m.—Meeting Adjourns

* Times are approximate. A final agenda will be available at the start of the meeting.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, please contact Mr. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call the Environmental Management Advisory Board office at 202-586-4400, and we will reserve time for you on the agenda. You may also register to speak at the Meeting Site on April 22-23, or ask to speak during the public comment period. Those who call in and or register in advance will be given the opportunity to speak first. Others will be accommodated as time permits. The Board Chair will conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.