

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, as amended (21 U.S.C. 862), ED must deny Federal benefits to any individual upon whom a Federal or State court order has imposed a penalty denying eligibility for those benefits. Student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) is a Federal benefit under section 5301 and ED must, in order to meet its obligations under the HEA, have access to information about individuals who have been declared ineligible under section 5301.

Section 5301 and the Procedures for Implementation of section 5301 (Pub. L. 100-690), transmitted to the Congress on August 30, 1989, direct DOJ to act as an information clearinghouse for Federal agencies. While DOJ provides information about section 5301 individuals who are ineligible for Federal benefits to the General Services Administration (GSA) for inclusion in GSA's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurements and Nonprocurement Programs, DOJ and ED have determined that matching against the DOJ data base is more efficient and effective than access to the GSA List. The DOJ data base has specific information about the Title IV, HEA programs for which individuals are ineligible and has more complete identifying information about those individuals than does the GSA List. Both these elements are essential for a successful match.

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

ED will submit for verification records from its Central Processing System files (Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)) the social security number (SSN) and other identifying information for each applicant for Title IV student financial assistance. ED will use the SSN and the first two letters of an applicant's last name for the match.

The DOJ Denial of Federal Benefits Clearing System (DEBAR)(OJP-0013) contains the names, social security numbers, dates of birth, and other identifying information regarding individuals convicted of Federal or State offenses involving drug trafficking or possession of a controlled substance who have been denied Federal benefits by Federal or State courts. This system of records also contains information concerning the specific program or programs for which benefits have been denied. DOJ will make available for the matching program the records of only

those individuals who have been denied Federal benefits under one or more of the Title IV, HEA programs.

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective 40 days after a copy of the agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency, is sent to Congress and OMB (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement), or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C.552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program including a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and DOJ should contact Ms. Edith Bell, Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education, Room, 3053, ROB-3, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 708-8242. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

You may inspect all public comments about this matching program at Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW, Room 3045, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4 pm, Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Supplemental Announcement to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; University Research for the Advancement of the Solar Dish/Converter Technology

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Supplemental Announcement 06 to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration DE-PS36-00GO10482

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications from accredited colleges or universities for the advancement of solar dish/converter technology. The financial assistance awards issued as a result of this Supplemental Announcement will be cooperative agreements.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement in March 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Supplemental Announcement, once issued, can be obtained from the Golden Field Office Home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Solicitation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is soliciting Applications from accredited colleges or universities for fundamental research that advances solar dish/converter technology. Innovative subsystem, component, or system concepts are sought for ultimate integration into a technically and economically viable dish/converter system in the 1 to 5 kW_e range. The

development of alternate or advanced power conversion devices, advancements of dish concentrator components, and the integration of these conversion devices and concentrator concepts are of specific interest.

A goal of DOE's Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) Program is the development of clean, competitive, and reliable power options using concentrated sunlight. To achieve this goal, the Department of Energy is interested in fundamental research that will advance existing solar dish/converter technology through improved performance, increased reliability, and reduced cost. The DOE is also interested in supporting research of new and innovative system concepts which have the potential for efficiently converting concentrated solar energy to electricity in the 1 to 5 kW_e range. To improve the economic viability, small-scale (5–10 m²) concentrators can be combined with potentially reliable, low-cost 1–5 kW_e converter options such as concentrating PV or small free-piston Stirling engines.

Applicants are requested to conduct fundamental research that either advances the performance of dish/converter technologies or the development of new system concepts and to demonstrate system or component performance through test, modeling, or analysis. Research should be directed towards the design and development of subsystems, components, or system designs through the enhancement or adaptation of existing technology or through the development of advanced technologies.

System or component concepts with the potential to improve dish/converter technology performance, operability, and economics will be major factors in selecting Applications for award. Successful Applicants will develop designs that can lower system cost (i.e., capital, installation, operation, or maintenance), improve performance, and increase system reliability and maintainability. As part of the research, design concepts or component performance must be verified through test, modeling, or analysis. Submittal and acceptance of an interim report, along with a design review, will be required prior to proceeding with prototype development or concept verification. Eligibility for continued funding will be based on the quality of the interim report, results of the design review, viability of the design, and the availability of DOE funding.

Applications under this Supplemental Announcement must demonstrate the capabilities, commitment, and resources

necessary to conduct the research and the potential to either enhance or adapt existing technology or advance the state of solar dish/converter technology. Technical support and assistance may be provided by the Department of Energy, through the National Laboratories. Any specific support through a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), which includes all DOE National Laboratories, should be included as a separate task in the Statement of Work and the related costs separately identified. These costs should not be included in the proposed budget.

Only accredited colleges or universities are eligible to apply for Financial Assistance under this Supplemental Announcement. Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements with terms of up to three years. Subject to funding availability, a total of \$2,000,000 in DOE funding is anticipated over a three year period for all awards under this Supplemental Announcement. The DOE anticipates selecting three to five applications for award under this Supplemental Announcement. However, upon funding availability, DOE reserves the right to fund portions of additional applications. As fundamental research is solicited through this Supplemental Announcement, no cost share is required in order to be considered for award under this solicitation. However, cost share will be considered in selecting applications for award.

Solicitation Number DE-PS36-00GO10482, in conjunction with Supplemental Announcement 06, will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting projects for funding. Responses to the Supplemental Announcement will be due approximately 90 days following issuance of the Supplemental Announcement. Questions should be submitted in writing to: Ruth E. Adams, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393; transmitted via facsimile to Ruth E. Adams at (303) 275-4788; or electronically to ruth_adams@nrel.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Tariff Filing

March 2, 2000.

Take notice that on February 29, 2000, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 245 and Thirty-Second Revised Sheet No. 1000, proposed to be effective March 31, 2000.

Great Lakes states that the above-named tariff sheet is being filed to reflect the addition of an evergreen clause to Rate Schedule T-10 between Great Lakes and ANR Pipeline Company (ANR).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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