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Dated: June 15, 2000.

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

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 18,780; Burden Hours: 29,586.

Abstract: The program evaluation uses an experimental design for elementary school students applying to 21st Century centers and a comparison design for middle school students participating in 21st Century centers. Over a 2-year period, it will include questionnaires of students, parents, and teachers; a reading test; and school and center records collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@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 Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her internet address Jackie_Montague@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

Golden Field Office; Request for Sponsorship and Support for the 2002 Solar Decathlon

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for sponsorship and support for the 2002 Solar Decathlon.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing its intention to conduct a 2002 Solar Decathlon and is soliciting letters of interest from potential co-sponsor(s) and supporters for this inaugural event. The Solar Decathlon is an intercollegiate competition to design and construct energy-efficient and aesthetically pleasing 21st-century homes that use solar energy.

The contest focuses on designing a place to live and work that obtains all of its energy from the sun. Each university team will participate in ten contests that measure the students' ability to design and build homes that collect, store, and effectively use this clean energy (*e.g.*, heating, cooling, lighting, communications, transportation). The Solar Decathlon winner will be the team that demonstrates the most effective balance of energy production and consumption in these ten events during the weeklong competition.

This historic event will be held on the National Mall in Washington, DC, during late summer or early fall 2002. For seven days, solar decathletes will transform the Mall from a pedestrian thoroughfare to a bustling community of energy-efficient, completely solar-powered homes. Each solar house will be a visual showcase of architectural expression and engineering excellence designed and built by creative students from some of the country's preeminent colleges and universities. Each team will test its ability to effectively use the collected solar energy to heat, cool, refrigerate, light, communicate, and transport. The Department's goal is to build the event into an energy and housing "World Fair".

DATES: Letters of interest are requested by August 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this announcement can be obtained from the Golden Field Office home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested parties should contact Ann Worley at 303-275-4700 or ann_worley@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this announcement, DOE is declaring its intention to conduct a 2002 Solar Decathlon and is soliciting interested parties to co-sponsor or support this solar competition. DOE's goals for conducting the Solar Decathlon are to promote and celebrate the creativity and talent of students from a full range of academic disciplines and to support public awareness and enthusiasm for energy efficiency and renewable energy. DOE's financial support is expected to be \$1 million for planning, managing, conducting, and promoting the event.

DOE is requesting expressions of interest from parties interested in co-sponsoring or supporting the Solar Decathlon. Event sponsor(s) or supporters will help to promote clean energy for the 21st century, while celebrating educational excellence and the possibilities for integrating these technologies into our homes and lives. Sponsor(s) and supporters would include those organizations willing to commit cash or contributions of equipment, supplies, or services to the event.

Sponsor(s) would be those providing substantive funds or resources to the event, whereas supporters would be those making contributions, but not to the level necessary to co-sponsor the event. Specific areas of interest include programming support (*e.g.*, public broadcasting, media coverage, Internet coverage), donations of equipment or supplies for the event or each participating team (*e.g.*, building materials or supplies, appliances, computers, solar equipment), services (*e.g.*, public outreach, infrastructure support), or funding to supplement that being provided by DOE.

Letters of interest should include the following: (1) Level of interest (*i.e.*, sponsor or supporter); (2) nature of the contributions (*i.e.*, cash, donations of equipment, supplies, or services) and the amount of the proposed support; (3) degree of commitment (*i.e.*, fully committed with funds or contributions available, interested, but need additional information before funds or

resources can be committed); (4) brief description of your organization; (5) description of how your investment or involvement in the event compliments your organization's mission; and (6) reasons for supporting the Solar Decathlon.

Letters of interest, clearly marked "2002 Solar Decathlon," are requested by August 16, 2000 and 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 sent electronically to ruth_adams@nrel.gov.

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Procurement Director, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration; Emergency Activities Conducted at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico in Response to Major Disaster Conditions Associated With the Cerro Grande Fire

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of emergency action.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing this notice of emergency activities conducted at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos County, New Mexico, in response to the recent Cerro Grande Fire. DOE's emergency response activities began with certain preventive actions undertaken immediately before the wildfire entered LANL boundaries in early May 2000, and include those actions taken while the fire burned within LANL boundaries, as well as related subsequent actions (as described below) that are ongoing since the fire was contained and extinguished to address the extreme potential for flooding damage.

About 7,500 acres of land administered by DOE at LANL burned during the Cerro Grande Fire, while another 35,500 acres burned along the mountain flanks above LANL and to the north of the site making this New Mexico's most destructive fire in recorded history. With such large areas of burned vegetation, including areas of bare ash along the steep slopes and canyon sides above LANL, there is a very high risk for flooding within the LANL facility and in residential communities downstream all the way to

the Rio Grande. About 36 percent of the annual precipitation for the Los Alamos area falls in the form of rain, primarily during intense thunderstorms that occur in July and August each year, but which may occur as early as June and as late as in October. The time period for the DOE's Cerro Grande Fire emergency actions discussed in this Notice, therefore, extends through November 2000.

Flood control measures of temporary, semi-permanent, and permanent natures must be taken immediately to prevent the potential loss of life and property damage from this threat, and also to protect sensitive cultural resources and potential habitat for Federally-listed threatened and endangered species present within floodplain areas. Moreover, there are 74 potential contaminant release sites (PRSSs) and two nuclear facilities at LANL that contain hazardous and radioactively contaminated soils and materials that are vulnerable to flooding. The PRSSs and nuclear facilities have the potential to release contaminants downstream. Some 10,000 residents live in communities located downstream from LANL; lands of Pueblo de Cochiti lie to the south along the Rio Grande, as does Cochiti Reservoir, which is a popular recreation and fishing site. Until enough vegetation is established to cover the hillsides and canyons to act as a deterrent to soil erosion and flooding, the potential for flooding will exist for the next several years to decades in some locations.

DOE would normally prepare an environmental impact statement analyzing the actions described for public review and comment pursuant to its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations (10 CFR part 1021). However, due to the urgent nature of the actions required to address the effects of the Cerro Grande Fire and the potential for severe flooding impacts, DOE prepared this notice regarding emergency actions pursuant to 10 CFR 1021.343. Because the cumulative impacts of these actions are significant, DOE has consulted with the Council on Environmental Quality about alternative arrangements with regard to NEPA compliance for its emergency actions pursuant to the Council NEPA regulation at 40 CFR 1506.11. Consistent with those consultations, DOE will prepare a special environmental analysis of known and potential impacts from wildfire and flood control actions as the "alternative arrangement" contemplated by the Council on Environmental Quality regulation. The special environmental analysis is scheduled to

be completed in September 2000 and will be available to the public. DOE will continue to employ a variety of mechanisms, as explained below, to facilitate public involvement. DOE will consider public comments received on this Notice of Emergency Action and will also consider public comments received on the special environmental analysis in planning future mitigation actions. This compliance strategy may be modified or altered as conditions warrant.

This notice also serves as the Public Notice and Statement of Findings regarding DOE's intention to take action involving construction and other actions within floodplains and wetlands pursuant to DOE's regulations for Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022). As provided in 10 CFR 1022.18, and because there is an immediate need to take emergency flood control and hazard reduction actions, DOE is waiving the public review periods that would otherwise apply before DOE would take such actions in a floodplain or wetland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, CONTACT: For further information on these activities or other information related to this Notice, contact: Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, phone (505) 667-8690, fax (505) 665-4872.

For information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

For more information regarding activities related to the Cerro Grande Fire and the LANL Emergency Rehabilitation Team, including relevant phone numbers, visit the LANL web site at www.lanl.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On the evening of May 4, 2000, employees of the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Banderliel National Monument, ignited a prescription burn within the boundaries of Banderliel National Monument at a location identified as the Cerro Grande. This fire was quickly pushed by winds outside the boundaries of the prescription area and was declared by the National Park Service to be a "wildfire" on May 5, 2000. The fire spread rapidly in a generally northeastern/eastern direction