

environmental concern that should be addressed in the EIS. Written comments must be postmarked by April 21, 2003, and should be mailed to: Special Warfare Training Range EIS, c/o Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010, Attn: Code ES12/RD (Richard A. Davis), telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472, e-mail: DavisRA@efdsouth.navy.mil.

Dated: February 25, 2003.

R.E. Vincent II,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Advisors (BOA) to the President, U.S. Naval War College (NWC)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The BOA to the President, U.S. NWC, will meet to discuss educational, doctrinal, and research policies and programs at the NWC. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday, March 21, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Conolly Hall, U.S. NWC, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard R. Menard, Office of the Provost, U.S. NWC, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI 02841-1207, telephone number (401) 841-3589.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The purpose of the Board of Advisors meeting is to elicit advice on educational, doctrinal, and research policies and programs. The agenda will consist of presentations and discussions on the curriculum, programs and plans of the College since the last meeting of the BOA on 15 and 16 August 2000.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corp, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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DOE Expression of Program Interest Regarding Hydrogen Production and Delivery Research

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Issuance of Expression of Program Interest (EOPI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies, as part of the President's FreedomCAR and Fuel Initiative, is requesting information through this Expression of Program Interest (EOPI) from interested parties regarding topics for research and development in the hydrogen production and delivery technologies areas. DOE may use this information in preparation of a solicitation and is seeking input from the hydrogen community to ensure topics covered in the solicitation encompass promising technology areas.

DATES: The EOPI is currently open and will close on March 14, 2003. It is anticipated that a solicitation will be issued later in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the EOPI, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office Web site at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations", and then access the solicitation link. The link will provide direct access to the EOPI (listed as DE-PS36-03GO93007) on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. Instructions for using the IIPS Web site are provided at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>.

The EOPI can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing for existing business opportunities and then browsing "Opportunities by Program Office" for those actions issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the EOPI.

Any future solicitation resulting from this EOPI will be assigned the same Number (DE-PS36-03GO93007) and will be accessible via the Golden Field Office Web site or IIPS Web site as described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EOPI submissions and any questions should be sent via e-mail to: hydrogen_interest@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies, as part of the President's FreedomCAR and Fuel Initiative, is requesting information from interested parties regarding topics for research and development in the hydrogen production and delivery technologies areas. DOE is preparing to issue a solicitation and is seeking input from the hydrogen community to ensure topics covered in the solicitation encompass promising technology areas. A framework for submissions is provided in the EOPI, including objective, types information to be submitted, format requirements, and eligibility. Please note that submissions to DOE under this EOPI are provided for information only and will not result in any type of award or financial assistance from DOE to the submitter. Also, DOE will not reimburse any costs associated with submissions under this EOPI.

It is anticipated that a solicitation will be issued later in FY 2003, with DOE financial assistance awards made in FY 2004. A separate announcement will be made by DOE for the issuance of the solicitation.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on February 19, 2003.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS36-03GO93004]

Inventions and Innovation Program

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, is funding a competitive grant program entitled the Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program. The goals of the I&I Program are to improve energy efficiency through the promotion of innovative ideas and inventions that have a significant, potential energy impact and a potential, future commercial market. The following EERE offices and programs are of particular

interest to I&I: Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Distributed Energy & Electric Reliability Program; Federal Energy Management Program; FreedomCAR & Vehicle Technologies Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Technologies Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technology Program; Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program; and Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program.

DATES: DOE issued the solicitation on February 13, 2003. The deadline for receipt of applications will be 3 p.m. Mountain Time on April 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All Golden Field Office (GO) solicitations will be posted on the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site at <http://e-center.doe.gov>; however, you may access them, along with IIPS instructions, through links on the GO Web site at: <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html> by clicking on "Solicitations." IIPS provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications, and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. Individuals who have the authority to enter their company into a legally binding contract/agreement and intend to submit proposals/applications via the IIPS system must register and receive confirmation that they are registered prior to being able to submit an application on the IIPS system.

Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margo Gorin, Contract Specialist, at go_I&I@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Solicitation Specifications: Eligibility requirements include the following:

(1) Individuals that are U.S. citizens, either native-born or naturalized; (2) Small businesses (as defined by the Small Business Administration) that are incorporated and operating in the U.S. and that conduct at least 50% of the effort; or (3) Institutions of higher learning located in the U.S.—eligible to apply only under Category 1. Individual inventors and very small businesses (15 or fewer employees) are especially encouraged to participate. More than one application may be submitted by an applicant for different innovations. However, funding will be limited to one award per applicant, per cycle. Also more than one organization may be

involved in an application as long as the lead organization and lead financial assistance management responsibilities are defined. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the I&I Program is 81.036. Cost sharing by applicants and/or cooperating participants is not required but highly encouraged. In addition to direct financial contributions, cost sharing can include beneficial services or items such as manpower, equipment, consultants, and computer time that are allowable in accordance with applicable cost principles.

The Golden Field Office has been assigned the responsibility of issuing the solicitation and administering the awards. Ideas that have a significant energy savings impact and future commercial market potential are chosen for financial support through the competitive solicitation process. The I&I Program will provide financial assistance of up to \$75,000 for Category 1 and up to \$250,000 for Category 2 to applications that fall within the "conceptual" and "developmental" stages of development, respectively. To be considered for a Category 2 award, a bench-scale model and/or other preliminary investigations must be complete. Each award may cover a project period of up to one year for Category 1 and up to two years for Category 2.

A selection of former projects funded by the I&I Program that have reached commercial markets include the following:

- *Meta-Lax Stress Relief Equipment* offers distinct advantages over conventional heat treatment methods. It uses less energy, is portable, can handle any size metal part, and treats metal stress in hours versus days.
- *Aero Cylinder Technology* replaces conventional cylinders by combining air spring bellows into assemblies for use on machines (such as punch presses) to control motion and large masses. The air springs act as counter balancers and press cushioners to eliminate alignment problems. This proper alignment reduces downtime and compressed air losses, resulting in significant energy savings.
- *Electro-Optic Inspection of Heat Exchangers* is a laser-based, nondestructive evaluation system for inspecting heat exchanger tubing for internal corrosion, erosion, scale buildup, and deformation. Benefits to petrochemical, pulp and paper, and power-generation plants include reduced downtime and increased efficiency.
- *Hydrodynamic Multi-Deflection Pad Bearings* optimize bearing operation

in high-speed, combined heat and power turbines, high-load electric motors or gear boxes, air or gas compressors, and air conditioning refrigeration equipment. Energy loss due to friction is reduced up to forty-percent by using fluids as a wedge between pads and moving parts.

Availability of Funds for FY 2003: DOE is announcing the availability of up to \$1.2 million in agreement funds for Fiscal Year 2003. The awards will be made through a competitive solicitation. DOE reserves the right to fund in whole or in part any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

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Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-221-001]

High Island Offshore System, L.L.C.; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 24, 2003.

Take notice that on February 19, 2003, High Island Offshore System, L.L.C. (HIOS) tendered for filing an explanation concerning the revised tariff sheets filed in this docket on December 31, 2002, as required by the Commission's Order of January 30, 2003 in this docket.

HIOS states that such revised tariff sheets were primarily the result of the elimination of Rate Schedules T and I, as well as necessary ministerial and conforming changes related to the elimination of those schedules.

HIOS states that a full copy of its filing is being served on all jurisdictional customers, applicable state commissions and interested parties that have requested service.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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