

which are set forth in Part 609 under Chapter II of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations), and (3) use advanced fossil energy technology (within the meaning of that term in Section 1703(b)(2) of Title XVII) and are described in one or more of the following technology areas: (a) Advanced resource development, (b) carbon capture, (c) low-carbon power systems, or (d) efficiency improvements. DOE is assuming that the scope of any potential solicitation would be broad. All fossil fuels, including, without limitation, coal, natural gas, oil, shale gas, oil gas, coal bed methane, methane hydrates, and others, may be included in the potential future solicitation. DOE is considering including both electrical and non-electrical fossil energy use.

While comments are sought on all aspects of the draft solicitation, DOE is particularly interested in comments regarding the weighting percentage allocated to each category for evaluations (Programmatic, Technical, Policy, and Financial), and the categories themselves.

**Statutory authority:** Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511 et seq.).

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**David G. Frantz,**

*Deputy Executive Director, Loan Programs Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Notice of Intent To Issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement; Technical Assistance

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Management Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to issue a funding opportunity announcement.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0000898, tentatively entitled "Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies" (AFFECT), subject to available funding. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) is anticipating the availability of grant funding to assist Federal agencies in implementing combined heat and power (CHP) and renewable energy measures

in Federal facilities. This notice also is to inform Federal agencies of the availability of technical assistance in advance of the FOA with the planning of CHP and renewable measures.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested agencies can check the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Funding Opportunity Exchange (EERE Exchange) Web site, located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov> for the posting of the FOA. Upon release of a FOA, applications only will be accepted through the EERE Exchange Web site. Prospective applicants also may receive official notifications and information regarding the FOA on the EERE Exchange Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For requests for technical assistance regarding CHP, please contact David Boomsma, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Federal Energy Management Program (EE-2L), 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; 202-586-7086; [david.boomsma@ee.doe.gov](mailto:david.boomsma@ee.doe.gov). For requests for technical assistance regarding renewable energy measures, please contact Boyan Kovacic, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Federal Energy Management Program (EE-2L), 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; 202-586-4272; [boyan.kovacic@ee.doe.gov](mailto:boyan.kovacic@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FEMP works with key individuals to accomplish energy change within organizations by bringing expertise from all levels of project and policy implementation to enable Federal agencies to meet energy-related goals and to provide energy leadership to the country. The Federal Government, as the nation's largest energy consumer, has a tremendous opportunity and clear responsibility to lead by example. FEMP is central to this responsibility, guiding agencies to use funding more effectively in meeting Federal and agency-specific energy management objectives.

Section 152(f) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486, authorizes the Secretary of Energy to establish a Federal Energy Efficiency Fund with the stated purpose of providing grants to Federal agencies to assist them in meeting the energy management requirements of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8256(b)). FEMP anticipates that the FOA will announce the availability of funding from the Federal Energy Efficiency Fund, which likely will be limited to proposed CHP and renewable energy projects that meet

the energy management requirements of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 8253). FEMP further anticipates that applications would include, at a minimum, a preliminary analysis and anticipated implementation process for a technically and economically viable capital project or set of projects. Project goals should include the completion of CHP or renewable energy projects at Federal facilities.

In conjunction with AFFECT funds under the FOA, a Federal agency would be expected to demonstrate that it could significantly leverage FOA grant funds using appropriated funds or alternative project financing mechanisms such as energy savings performance contracts, utility energy service contracts, or power purchase agreements. A Federal agency also would need to demonstrate that the proposed project would lend itself to follow-on replication efforts at additional Federal facilities.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to encourage prospective applicants to begin formulating ideas, gathering data, and developing opportunities to leverage funds in anticipation of the issuance of the FOA.

Additionally, FEMP assists Federal agencies in planning and implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Assistance provided by FEMP includes assistance to Federal agencies interested in identifying and analyzing CHP and/or renewable energy opportunities and technologies in advance of the FOA. This technical assistance may include pre-screenings and/or screenings of potential technologies and sites, or possibly other forms of assistance. For more information on the assistance FEMP can provide, please contact the FEMP staff identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Interested Federal agencies also can visit [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/renewable\\_assistance.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/renewable_assistance.html) (although this Web site specifically covers renewable energy, similar services are available for CHP).

All Federal agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the technical assistance offered by FEMP. Participation in technical assistance offered by FEMP does not guarantee that an applicant for the AFFECT grant program would be selected, and not utilizing FEMP technical assistance would not preclude an applicant from applying or being selected for AFFECT grant funding. FEMP technical assistance related to the objectives of the AFFECT FOA will only be available to Federal agencies up until the release of the FOA, which is tentatively scheduled

for release in the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2014.

This Notice of Intent is issued solely to advise interested Federal agencies that DOE intends to issue a FOA and is for information and FOA planning purposes only; it does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. No response to this Notice of Intent is expected, and any responses will be treated as informational only. In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 15.201(e)), responses to this Notice of Intent are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. DOE will not provide reimbursement for costs incurred in responding to this Notice of Intent.

DOE reserves the right to change the requirements of any proposed FOA, issue a FOA as described herein, issue a FOA involving only a portion of the elements listed, or not issue a FOA at all. Any information contained in this Notice of Intent also may be subject to change.

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**Timothy Unruh,**

*Director, Federal Energy Management Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** August 14, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. August 15, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue

SW, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-1476; email: [Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov) or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; email: [rtiley@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rtiley@bcs-hq.com).

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The Committee advises the points of contact (Departments of Energy and Agriculture) with respect to the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative) and also makes written recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board (Board). Those recommendations regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are distributed and used consistent with Initiative objectives; (B) solicitations are open and competitive with awards made annually; (C) objectives and evaluation criteria of the solicitations are clear; and (D) the points of contact are funding proposals selected on the basis of merit, and determined by an independent panel of qualified peers.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities
- Overview of DOE Office of Science R&D Programs
- Overview of Other Agency Biomass R&D Programs

*Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Elliott Levine at 202-586-1476; Email: [Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov) or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: [rtiley@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rtiley@bcs-hq.com) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14430-000]

#### Monroe Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 14430-000

c. *Date Filed:* April 2, 2013

d. *Submitted By:* Monroe Hydro, LLC

e. *Name of Project:* Monroe Drop Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* On the western side of the Bureau of Reclamation's North Unit Irrigation District Main Canal, in Jefferson County, Oregon. The project occupies 2.1 acres of United States lands administered by USDA Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Gia Schneider, Natel Energy, 2175 Monarch Street, Alameda, CA 94501; (510) 342-5269; email [gia@natelenergy.com](mailto:gia@natelenergy.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Adam Beeco at (202) 502-8655; or email at [adam.beeco@ferc.gov](mailto:adam.beeco@ferc.gov).

j. Monroe Hydro filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on April 2, 2013. Monroe Hydro provided public notice of its request on June 5, 2013. In a letter dated July 16, 2013, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Monroe Hydro's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the