

Dated: December 5, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

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

### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Annual Client Assistance  
Program (CAP) Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal  
Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour  
Burden:* Responses: 56.

*Burden Hours:* 350.

*Abstract:* Form RSA-227 is used to analyze and evaluate the Client Assistance Program (CAP) administered by designated CAP agencies. These agencies provide services to clients and client applicants of programs, projects, and community rehabilitation programs authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Data also are reported on information and referral services provided to any individual with a disability in the State or Territory.

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 4050, 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 Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address [Sheila\\_Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila_Carey@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 EDUCATION**

### **Web-Based Education Commission; Press Conference**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Education.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the press conference of the Web-based Education Commission. Notice of this press conference is in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of

its opportunity to attend the press conference.

**DATE:** The press conference will be held on December 14, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. It will be held at the National Press Club, 529 14th St., NW, in Washington, DC in the Hollerman Lounge.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Byer, Executive Director, Web-based Education Commission, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-8533. Telephone: (202) 219-7045. Fax: (202) 502-7675. Email: [web\\_commission@ed.gov](mailto:web_commission@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Web-based Education Commission is authorized by Title VIII, Part J of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, as amended by the Fiscal 2000 Appropriations Act for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies. The Commission is required to conduct a thorough study to assess the critical pedagogical and policy issues affecting the creation and use of web-based and other technology-mediated content and learning strategies to transform and improve teaching and achievement at the K-12 and postsecondary education levels. The Commission must issue a final report to the President and the Congress, not later than 12 months after the first meeting of the Commission, which occurred November 16-17, 1999. The final report will contain a detailed statement of the Commission's findings and conclusions, as well as recommendations.

The December 14 press conference is to announce the release of the Commission's final report, *The Power of the Internet: Moving from Promise to Practice*.

The press conference is open to the public. Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the Web-based Education Commission, Room 6131, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-8533, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### **Assistance To Individuals With Disabilities**

The press conference site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who will need an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should contact the person listed in this notice before the scheduled date of the press conference. We will attempt to meet all requests, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation.

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**A. Lee Fritschler,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation, DE-PS26-01NT41094, and award financial assistance (Cooperative Agreements) for the program entitled "Industries of the Future, Emerging Technology Deployment." Through this solicitation, the DOE/NETL seeks applications on behalf of the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT). The DOE/NETL, by way of the Federal Financial Assistance application process, is seeking proposals for cost-shared implementation of technologies to reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts. The DOE/NETL targets, specifically, the Industries of the Future (IOF) industrial sectors for technology implementations under this

solicitation. The IOF sectors consist of the following, nine major materials and processing industries: agriculture, aluminum, chemicals, forest products, glass, metalcasting, mining, petroleum, and steel.

This solicitation seeks to implement OIT-supported or non-OIT technologies that meet the following requirements: Address the needs in IOF vision documents and technology roadmaps; have completed research and development and have progressed through a demonstration at a pilot-scale or full-scale facility, with demonstrated performance benefits in energy conservation and emissions reductions; and have potential to result in significant improvements in energy efficiency, environmental performance, and economic competitiveness across the industry. Projects of most interest will be those that show significant energy savings and large market penetration either through multiple implementations within one industrial sector or broad applicability across all IOF sectors.

**DATES:** A draft Program Solicitation will be available on or about December 20, 2000. Comments and/or questions concerning the draft version must be submitted to, and received by the DOE Contract Specialist no later than 30 calendar days from its actual posting on DOE/NETL's Web site. The mailing and E-mail addresses are provided below.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft Program Solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit>. The final version of the solicitation along with all amendments will be posted at this same Internet address; applicants are therefore encouraged to periodically check this NETL address to ascertain the status of these documents. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the final version of this Program Solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry D. Gillham, MS: 921-118, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 626 Cochran's Mill Road, PO Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, E-mail Address: [gillham@netl.doe.gov](mailto:gillham@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: (412) 386-5817.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOE anticipates award of multiple cost-sharing cooperative agreements; but the DOE reserves the right to award the agreement type and number deemed in its best interest. As required in Section 3002, Title XXX of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), offerors are advised that *mandatory* 50% cost-share will be

required for each project. Not all of the necessary funds are currently available for this solicitation; the Government's obligation under any cooperative agreement awarded is contingent upon the availability of appropriated FY2001 and FY2002 funds.

It is DOE's desire to encourage the widest participation including the involvement of small business concerns, and small disadvantaged business concerns. Proposals should be submitted by the entity that would house the technology implementation. In order to gain the necessary expertise to review proposals, non-Federal personnel may be used as evaluators or advisors in the evaluation of proposals, but will not serve as members of the technical merit review committee(s).

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on November 30, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-01NT41104 entitled "Power Plant Improvement Initiative." A draft program solicitation, as a precursor to potentially awarding multiple financial assistance cooperative agreements, is now being developed. Following release of the draft solicitation, expected in December 2000, a comment and response session with industry and other potential partners will be conducted prior to final issuance of the program solicitation. Final issuance of the program solicitation is slated for late-January or early-February 2001 with awards expected early in fiscal year 2002. DOE will provide \$95 million to fund the program, and proposers must match (or exceed) the government cost share for every project, bringing the total program value to at least \$190 million. DOE anticipates making multiple awards under this program solicitation.

**DATES:** The draft solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet

address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or about December 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** For the contact to submit comments, where documents can be obtained, where meetings are being held, please see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo Ann C. Zysk, MS 921-107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, E-mail Address: [zysk@netl.doe.gov](mailto:zysk@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: (412) 386-6600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Work is underway at the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory to initiate a \$190 million dollar, fifty percent industry cost shared research, development and demonstration program aimed at improving the reliability of the nation's fleet of coal-fired power plants. In many regions of the United States, our expanding economy is being powered by out-of-date and undersized electric power facilities. The result has been an increasing frequency of power supply disruptions and sharp increases in the electric bills of many Americans. With more than half of our electric power being generated by coal in the United States and an abundant domestic supply of coal, projections are that coal generated power will be a major contributor to our economic expansion well into the next century. Electric power produced from coal is fundamental to a strong U.S. economy and to domestic energy security considering recent instabilities in natural gas prices and our current dependence on foreign oil supplies.

As the U.S. electric industry transitions to a new and competitive business structure, the demands on the existing fleet of coal-based electric generating facilities are changing. Power plants must operate in a fashion that reduces environmental impacts, achieves greater efficiency in operation, reduces carbon dioxide, nitric oxide, and sulfur emissions, remains cost competitive, and responds quickly to changing customer demand. This Power Plant Improvement Initiative will demonstrate advanced coal-based technologies applicable to existing and new power plants including plants capable of producing electricity and some combination of heat, fuels, and/or chemicals from coal-derived synthesis gas.

The technologies to be developed under this program will be vital to the role that coal and other solid fuels will play on the world power production scene. Production of more electricity while creating a cleaner environment at