

sustainability in the Federal government and to make reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions a priority for Federal agencies. Among other provisions, EO 13514 requires agencies to measure, report, and reduce their GHG emissions.

On October 6, 2010, The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) released Guidance on Federal Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Reporting that establishes Government-wide requirements for measuring and reporting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with Federal agency operations.

On July 18, 2011, The Department of Energy's (DOE's) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), Department of Defense (DoD), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided recommendations for revision to the Federal GHG reporting and accounting procedures. CEQ provides this draft revision of the guidance for public review and comment to ensure accessibility of Federal accounting and reporting requirements and to enhance the quality of public involvement in governmental decisions relating to the environment.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before April 11, 2012. Comments received after that date may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: The Draft Revised Guidance, "Federal Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Reporting" document is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/sustainability/fed-ghg>. Comments on the Draft Revised Guidance should be submitted electronically to GHG.guidance@ceq.eop.gov, or in writing to The Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Keith Dennis, 722 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Dennis, Senior Program Manager at (202) 456-5226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality is required, under Section 5(a) of EO 13514, to issue guidance for greenhouse gas accounting and reporting.

Federal agencies are required, under Section 2(c) of EO 13514, to establish and report to the CEQ Chair and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director a comprehensive inventory of absolute GHG emissions, including scope 1, scope 2, and specified scope 3 emissions annually for each fiscal year, starting in 2010.

Section 9(c) of EO 13514 directs DOE's FEMP, in coordination with EPA,

DoD, General Services Administration (GSA), Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Commerce (DOC), and other agencies, as appropriate, to develop and provide recommendations for revised Federal GHG reporting and accounting procedures. On July 18, 2011, the agencies submitted final recommendations for revisions to Federal GHG reporting and accounting procedures to the CEQ Chair.

The Draft Revised Guidance, "Federal Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Reporting" will, when finalized, establish updated government-wide requirements for Federal agencies in calculating and reporting GHG emissions associated with agency operations. CEQ is seeking public comment on this draft guidance for 30 days. The draft guidance document is now available at the Council on Environmental Quality Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/sustainability/fed-ghg>.

Public comments are requested on or before April 11, 2012. Comments received after that date may not be considered.

CEQ recognizes that this guidance is vital to the Federal government's ability to achieve a clean energy economy that will increase our nation's prosperity, promote energy security, protect the interests of taxpayers, and safeguard the health of our environment. CEQ further recognizes that in order to lead by example, the Federal government must be transparent in its processes for accounting and reporting of GHG emissions.

The Federal government seeks to continually improve both the quality of data and methods necessary for calculating GHG emissions. In accordance with EO 13514, additional requirements, methodologies and procedures will be included in future revisions to this document and supporting documents to improve the Federal Government's overall ability to accurately account for and report GHG emissions.

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Nancy Sutley,

Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patent is available for licensing: Patent application 12/793,503: AUTO ADJUSTING RANGING DEVICE (a ranging system for use with a projectile launching device).

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone 812-854-4100.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

L.M. Senay,

Lieutenant, Office of the Judge Advocate, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; MHM Technologies, LLC

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to MHM Technologies, LLC a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent application 12/793,503 (Navy Case 100,000): Filed June 3, 2010, entitled "Auto Adjusting Ranging Device".

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than March 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EESEP0216]

State Energy Program and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program; Request for Information

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for Information (RFI); request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is interested in continuing to promote the use of financing mechanisms by grantees of the State Energy Program (SEP) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, in support of energy efficiency and renewable energy activities. To facilitate this process and to allow interested parties to provide suggestions, comments, and information, DOE is publishing this request for information. This request identifies several areas on which DOE is particularly interested in receiving information; however, any input and suggestions considered relevant to the topic are welcome.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested by April 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EESEP0216, by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** to

christine.platt@ee.doe.gov. Include EESEP0216 in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Christine Platt Patrick, U.S. Department of Energy, Mailstop EE-2K,

1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, Phone: (202) 287-1546. Please submit one signed paper original.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Christine Platt Patrick, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, Phone: (202) 287-1546. Please submit one signed paper original.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this request.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents, or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Platt Patrick, Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Energy, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Mailstop EE-2K, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, Telephone: (202) 287-1546, Email: christine.platt@ee.doe.gov. For legal issues contact Chris Calamita, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mailstop GC-71, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-1777, Email: christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority and Background

The Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs (OWIP) is seeking to promote the use of “evergreen funds” among its grantees. “Evergreen funds” describes generally a use of funds that would allow a grantee to rely on an initial amount of funding to periodically provide support to eligible projects in an on-going basis, for example through a revolving loan fund (RLF) program or a loan loss reserve (LLR) program.

SEP is authorized under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.) Evergreen funds such as RLFs and LLRs are eligible uses of funds under SEP to the extent that the activities supported by the loans are eligible activities under the program. The implementing regulations for SEP expressly identify RLFs as an eligible use of SEP funds (10 CFR 420.18(d)).

Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 17151-17158) authorizes the Department to administer the EECBG program. Evergreen funds such as revolving loan funds (RLF) and loan loss reserves (LLR) are eligible uses of funds under the EECBG Program to

the extent that the activities supported by the loans are eligible activities under the program. EECBG grantees must comply with statutory law regarding RLFs. 42 U.S.C. 17155(b)(3)(B) mandates a limitation on the use of funds for the establishment (i.e., the capitalization) of RLFs by formula-eligible units of local governments and formula-eligible tribes equal to the greater of 20 percent of the grantee’s allocation or \$250,000. Funds used for administrative costs to set up a RLF are not subject to this restriction, but are subject to the general limitations established by statute on administrative costs.

For both SEP and the EECBG Program, grantee arrangements for leveraging additional public and private sector funds, including rebates, grants, and other incentives, must be arranged to ensure that Federal funds go to support eligible activities listed in 42 U.S.C. 6322(d)(5)(A) for SEP and 42 U.S.C. 17154(3)-(13) for EECBG. The leveraging of funds may be accomplished through mechanisms such as partnerships with third party lenders, co-lending, third party administration of loans, and loan loss reserves.

The Department would like to continue to promote the use of evergreen funds by grantees of the SEP and EECBG programs. The Department is issuing this initial request for information to allow interested parties an opportunity to provide information that will assist DOE in continuing to promote these mechanisms.

Public Participation

A. Submission of Information

DOE will accept comments in response to this RFI under the timeline provided in the **DATES** section above. Comments submitted to the Department through the eRulemaking Portal or by email should be provided in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text file format. Those responding should avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption, and wherever possible, comments should include the electronic signature of the author. Comments submitted to the Department by mail or hand delivery/courier should include one signed original paper copy. No telefacsimiles will be accepted.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will become a matter of public record and will be made publicly available.

The Department encourages interested parties to contact DOE if they would like to meet in person to discuss their comments. The Department’s policy