

many as 15 awards anticipated, contingent on availability of appropriated funds in Fiscal Year 2004, and the size of the awards. Multiple year funding is expected up to a maximum of three years, also contingent on availability of funds and progress of the research. At the end of three years, the Microbial Genome Program will transition fully into the DOE Genomes to Life Program and applications for continuation of ongoing research started under this Program will not be accepted. Awards are expected to range from \$150,000 to \$450,000 per year, total costs, with terms of one to three years. Reasonable increases in second and third year budget periods can be requested. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made.

Each response to this solicitation will be evaluated for relevance to: (a) The successful completion of the BER long term measure to characterize the multiprotein complexes (or the lack thereof) involving a scientifically significant fraction of microbe proteins; (b) the development of computational models to direct the use and design of microbial communities to clean up waste, sequester carbon, or produce hydrogen; or (c) to develop science-based solutions for the cleanup and long term monitoring of DOE contaminated sites.

Merit Review

Applications will be subjected to formal merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria which are listed in descending order of importance codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources;
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-Federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

The Office of Science (SC), as part of its grant regulations (10 CFR 605.11(b))

requires that a grantee funded by SC and performing research involving recombinant DNA molecules shall comply with the National Institutes of Health "Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules" (51 FR 16958, May 7, 1986), or such later guidelines as may be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Project Description must be 20 pages or less, exclusive of attachments. It must contain an abstract or project summary on a separate page with the name of the applicant, mailing address, phone, fax and email listed. The application must include letters of intent from collaborators (briefly describing the intended contribution of each to the research), and short curriculum vitae, consistent with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) guidelines, for the applicant and any co-PIs. To provide a consistent format for the submission, review and solicitation of grant applications submitted under this notice, the preparation and submission of grant applications must follow the guidelines given in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program 10 CFR part 605. Access to SC's Financial Assistance Application Guide is possible via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>.

Other useful Web sites include:

MGP home page—<http://www.ornl.gov/sci/microbialgenomes/>.

DOE Genomes to Life Program: <http://DOEGenomesToLife.org>.

DOE Joint Genome Institute Microbial Web page: http://www.jgi.doe.gov/JGI_microbial/html/.

GOLD Microbial Genome Database: <http://wit.integratedgenomics.com/GOLD/>.

GenBank home page—<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>.

Human Genome home page—<http://www.ornl.gov/hgmis>.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, January 20, 2004—2:45 p.m.—6 p.m. (Pre-meeting tour of Idaho Nuclear and Technology Engineering Center, INTEC, for INEEL CAB members 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 21, 2004—8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Opportunities for public participation will be held Tuesday, January 20 from 5:45 to 6 p.m., and on January 21 from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m. and 3:20 to 3:35 p.m. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations.

These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses, depending on the extent of comment offered. Please check with the meeting facilitator to confirm these times.

ADDRESSES: Ameritel Inn, 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Hinman, INEEL CAB Administrator, North Wind, Inc., P.O. Box 51174, Idaho Falls, ID 83405, Phone (208) 528-8718, or visit the Board's Internet Home page at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

Tentative Agenda:

- Cleanup and closure of the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC)
- New Risk-Based End State Vision for the INEEL
- Conduct process to select new members

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items

should contact the Board Chair at the address or telephone number listed above. Request must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Gerald C. Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issue that has to be resolved.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. Peggy Hinman, INEEL CAB Administrator, at the address and phone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 30, 2003.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, January 26, 2004 1 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cities of Gold Hotel, 10-A Cities of Gold Road, Pojoaque, NM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Manzanares, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1660

Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: mmanzanares@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

1 p.m.

Call to Order by Ted Taylor, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO); Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum; Welcome and Introductions by Jim Brannon, Board Chair; Approval of Agenda; Approval of November 19, 2003 Meeting Minutes

1:15 p.m.

Public Comment

1:30 p.m.

Board Business

- Recruitment/Membership Update
- Report from Chairman Brannon
- Report from DOE, Ted Taylor, DDFO
- Report from Executive Director, Menice S. Manzanares
- 2004 Meeting Schedule (Locations)
- New Business

2:30 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m.

Report from Committees

- Environmental Monitoring, Surveillance and Remediation
- Waste Management Committee
- Community Involvement Committee
- Budget Committee
- Ad Hoc Committee on CAB Self Evaluation

5 p.m.

Dinner Break

6 p.m.

Environmental Management Presentation

7:30 p.m.

Break

7:45 p.m.

Public Comment

8 p.m.

Recap of Meeting

8:30 p.m.

Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Menice Manzanares at the address or telephone number listed

above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Menice Manzanares at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 30, 2003.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**. Thursday, February 5, 2004—9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Friday, February 6, 2004—8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hotel Richland, Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA, Phone: (509) 946-7611, Fax: (509) 943-8564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA, 99352;