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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Indian Education Discretionary Grant Applications.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 5,840.

Abstract: Application for funding for Indian Education discretionary programs of Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Professional Development. The information is used to determine applicant eligibility and amount of awards for projects selected for funding.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivan.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@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 Katrina Ingalls at (703) 620-3655 or via her e-mail address Katrina.Ingalls@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 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-PS26-03NT41779 entitled Underground Gas Storage Technology Consortium. The DOE Gas Storage Program supports the Strategic Center for Natural Gas' 2020 Vision of the U.S. public enjoying benefits (affordable supply, reliable delivery, and environmental protection) from increased use of natural gas. A solicitation for this program is included in the current NETL procurement plan for release in FY 2003. The general purpose of the Natural Gas Storage Program is to develop advanced technologies to enhance operational flexibility and deliverability of the nation's gas storage system, and provide a cost-effective, safe, and reliable supply of natural gas to meet demand in new and expanded market regions.

The purpose of this solicitation is to select an organization qualified to establish, solicit membership, and operate an Underground Gas Storage Technology Consortium that will foster broad industry interest and support for the development of cost-effective technologies to increase both the deliverability and injectability of the

natural gas storage system, including conventional underground depleted oil and gas reservoirs, aquifer storage reservoirs, and salt cavern storage. Storage wells/fields often suffer a decline in productivity after several years of production and injection cycling. Current revitalization techniques usually provide only limited, temporary delivery restoration. Research supported by the consortium will focus on technologies to limit and remediate the progressive damage caused by the repeated injection and withdrawal of gas in existing and future facilities, as well as innovative reservoir development and management techniques that can maximize performance. It is anticipated that the Underground Gas Storage Technology Consortium will be gas storage industry driven and will emphasize the creation of a balanced research portfolio of practical solutions, short-term projects, and basic research to improve the performance of the Nation's gas storage infrastructure.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about April 4, 2003. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE/NETL intends to select for award a single applicant to establish an Underground Gas Storage Technology Consortium to conduct deliverability enhancement and innovative reservoir development and management research. DOE anticipates that there will be broad participation from industry, academia, small business, and research and development organizations in the consortium.

The agreement to establish and operate the consortium is expected to last 4½ years. The first budget period will be 18 months to allow creation of the consortium structure, solicit membership and establish an executive panel of industry experts, refine a technical approach for deliverability enhancement and reservoir management research, and select and award the first round of research projects. The initial