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**Priority:** This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 611.25).

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**Special Funding Considerations:** The program regulations (34 CFR part 611.3(c)) provide that when two or more applicants are ranked equally for the last available award, the Secretary selects the applicant whose activities will focus (or have most impact) on LEAs and schools located in one (or more) of the Nation's Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Request for Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for information on the department's plan to implement FutureGen.

**SUMMARY:** On February 27, 2003, President Bush announced that the United States would sponsor a \$1 billion, 10-year demonstration project to create the world's first coal-based, zero emissions power plant to produce electricity and hydrogen. As part of this announcement, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham unveiled plans for FutureGen—one of the boldest steps our Nation has taken toward a pollution-free energy future. This project will establish the technical and economic feasibility of producing electricity and hydrogen from coal—our lowest cost and most abundant domestic energy resource—while capturing and sequestering the carbon dioxide generated in the process. FutureGen will showcase cutting-edge technologies that can virtually eliminate

environmental concerns associated with coal utilization. The ultimate success of FutureGen depends on acceptance of the concept of sequestration by the industries that will be most heavily impacted by potential future limitations on carbon emissions. Thus, the Department plans to noncompetitively enter into a cooperative agreement with a Consortium led by the coal-fired electric power industry and the coal production industry. Under the guidance of a Government Steering Committee, this Consortium will be responsible for the design, construction and operation of the FutureGen plant, and for the monitoring, measuring, and verifying of carbon dioxide sequestration. The members of the Consortium shall collectively own and produce at least one-third of the Nation's coal and at least one-fifth of its coal-fueled electricity. In addition to collectively owning and producing a large fraction of the Nation's coal and electricity, the Consortium is expected to: (a) Be geographically diverse by including both eastern and western domestic coal producers and coal-fueled electricity generators; and, (b) be resource diverse by including producers and users of the full range of coal types. The public's interest is best served by having this broad cross section of the coal and coal-fueled electricity industries involved in this project. The Department will require that the Consortium use fair and open competition to select the host site; engineering, design, and construction services; and major equipment modules.

**DATES:** Comments shall be received no later than June 16, 2003 at the address below. Confidential information contained within a submission should be identified and marked accordingly. The Department will protect confidential information to the extent permitted by law.

**ADDRESSES:** The Department seeks public comment regarding its plans for implementing FutureGen. Groups who collectively own and produce at least one-third of the Nation's coal and one-fifth of its coal-based electricity, and who are interested in establishing a Consortium, are invited to submit comments of no more than ten pages that include the group's (a) name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address; (b) interest in participating in FutureGen; and, (c) technical and financial ability and commitment to pursue the FutureGen project including qualifications of key team members.

In addition, any other interested party is invited to submit no more than five