

and engineering disciplines.

Approximately one to two awards are anticipated in Fiscal Year 2004 at a maximum award level of \$750,000 per year for a period of three years. EPSCoR funding will not be provided to the national laboratories or non-designated EPSCoR states. Continuation funding for the awards will be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds, progress of the research, and continuing program need. Renewal applications for implementation awards beyond the initial three-year period will be considered for an additional three years, subject to continuing meritorious performance and progress in the previous award periods, as well as the value added of the proposed effort and the availability of funds. As a tangible measure of an applicant's commitment to the objectives of the DOE/EPSCoR Program, cost sharing on a minimum one-to-one ratio is a requirement for the implementation grants. Therefore, each application submitted requesting support from DOE under this Notice must provide, from non-Federal funds, an amount equal to or greater than the amount awarded by DOE; *i.e.*, for every dollar provided by DOE, the recipient must provide a dollar or more from non-Federal sources for the project.

Applications

The DOE/EPSCoR Research Implementation Awards are open to the entire range of energy-related disciplines supported by the Department of Energy. Additional information on the DOE Research Programs is available at the following Web site addresses:

Department of Energy (General Information): <http://www.energy.gov/>.

Office of Science: <http://www.science.doe.gov/feature/BES.htm>.

Basic Energy Sciences: <http://www.science.doe.gov/feature/BES.htm>.

Biological and Environmental Research: <http://www.science.doe.gov/>.

Advanced Scientific Computing Research: <http://www.science.doe.gov/feature/ASCR.htm>.

Fusion Energy Sciences: <http://www.science.doe.gov/feature/fes.htm>.

High Energy and Nuclear Physics: <http://www.science.doe.gov/feature/hep-hp.htm>.

Office of Defense Programs: <http://www.nnsa.doe.gov/>.

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: <http://www.eren.doe.gov>.

Office of Fossil Energy: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>.

Office of Environmental Management: <http://www.em.doe.gov>.

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management: <http://www.rw.doe.gov>.

Office of Nuclear Energy: <http://www.ne.doe.gov>.

Merit Review

Applications will be subjected to formal scientific merit review and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria listed in descending order of importance as 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 the agency's programmatic needs. Applications will also be reviewed by relevant program offices to determine the priority of research. Program offices will also be asked for their willingness to provide co-funding if a project is selected for approval. 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. All projects will be evaluated using the same criteria, regardless of the submitting institution.

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with researchers in other institutions, such as universities, national laboratories, industry, and nonprofit organizations. General information about the development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, and selection processes, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR part 605 and in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to the Guide and required forms are available via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/>.

Specific guidance for the preparation of the DOE/EPSCoR Research Implementation applications may be found in the "Supplemental Information Guidelines" at Web site: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/bes/EPSCoR/APPLI.HTM>. Because of program specific information required and the overall complexity of the applications, the format and guidance

included in the "Supplemental Information Guidelines" supersedes that of the general instructions for the preparation of an application to the Office of Science.

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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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: Wednesday, May 28, 2003, 1 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cities of Gold Hotel, Pojoaque, NM.

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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, DDFO; Ray Lopez Welcome and Introductions by Jim Brannon, Board Chair; Approval of Agenda; Approval of March 19 Meeting Minutes
- 1:15 p.m.—Public Comment
- 1:30 p.m.—Board Business
 - A. Recruitment Update/Nominations to the Board
 - B. Report from Chairman Brannon
 - C. Report from DOE, Ted Taylor, DDFO
 - D. Report from Executive Director,