

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren.Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) reporting and/or recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: January 15, 2003.

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Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: The Smaller Learning Communities Program (SLC) (1890-0001) (SC).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 700.

Burden Hours: 47000.

Abstract: The grant application package includes information for grant applicants, including priorities, selection criteria and requirements, along with relevant ED forms and non-regulatory guidance for the SLCP.

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

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb/ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2211. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. 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 Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@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

[Number DE-PS07-03ID14453]

Chemical Industry of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost shared research and development (R&D) of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the domestic chemical industry. The R&D will focus on technology development in the areas of catalysis and catalytic engineering, and separations technologies.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-03ID14453 was January 14, 2003. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on April 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) provides the

medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinsm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$6 million in federal funds are expected to be available to fund the first 12 months of selected research projects. Subject to the availability of funds, approximately \$30 million is planned to fund the remaining years of the projects. DOE anticipates making 6 to 10 cooperative agreement awards, each with a duration of three to five years or less. A minimum of two industrial chemical companies must be involved. Awardees are required to develop collaborative project teams, which can include industry, university, and national laboratory participants. The statutory authority for this program is the U.S. Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on January 13, 2003.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Sensors, Controls, and Automation Crosscutting Technologies

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research, development and demonstration of innovative sensor, control, automation and wireless technologies that will reduce energy consumption, minimize environmental impacts, and enhance economic competitiveness in U.S. industrial manufacturing. This solicitation addresses two separate topics: