

voluntary inactive status, and the request for restoration to active status from voluntary inactive status. It is estimated to take 2 hours (2.0) to complete the continuing education program by a registered attorney or agent with delinquency. It is estimated to take 2 hours and 10 minutes (2.17 hours) to complete the continuing education program by a registered attorney or agent with delinquency and reinstatement, and 2 hours and 15 minutes (2.25 hours) for the paper-based version of the annual practitioner registration/continuing legal education program—15 minutes (0.25 hours) to request the materials and an average of 2 hours (2.0) to complete the continuing legal education exam on paper. It is estimated to take 15 minutes (0.25 hours) for a sponsor to complete the application for pre-approval of a continuing education program. It is expected to take 6 hours (6.0) to complete the registration examination to become a registered patent practitioner. It is expected to take 40 hours (40.0) to complete the petition for reinstatement after disciplinary removal. These times include time to gather the necessary information, and prepare and submit the forms and requirements in this collection.

**Needs and Uses:** This information is required by 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(D), administered by the USPTO through 37 CFR 10.5–10.11 and 10.170. The information is used by the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) to determine if the applicant for registration is of good moral character and repute; has the necessary legal, scientific, and technical qualifications; and is otherwise competent to advise and assist applicants in the presentation and prosecution of applications for patent grants. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking, “Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office” (RIN 0651–AB55). In this notice of proposed rulemaking, the USPTO is proposing to update the rules and procedures regarding the enrollment and recognition of individuals to practice as attorneys and agents before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters. These proposed changes are also expected to improve how the USPTO handles applications for registration and petitions.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; the Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, (703) 308–7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310, or by e-mail at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 31, 2003 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) Program Solicitation Number DE–PS07–03ID14540

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation for awards of financial assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for research and development grant awards in nuclear engineering topics. It is anticipated that on September 25, 2003, a full text for Solicitation Number DE–PS07–03ID14540 for the 2004 NEER Program will be made available at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on November 12, 2003. Applications are to be submitted via the IIPS Web site. Directions on how to apply and submit applications are detailed under the solicitation on the Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Seb Klein, Contract Specialist at [kleinsm@id.doe.gov](mailto:kleinsm@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR part 600.6(b), eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities with nuclear engineering degree programs or options or an operating research reactor, because the purpose of the Nuclear Engineering

Education Research (NEER) program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Pub. L. 95–91.

Issued in Idaho Falls on September 22, 2003.

**Michael L. Adams,**

*Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. 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:** Thursday, October 16, 2003, 5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dianna Feireisel, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441–6812.

#### 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 and waste management activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m. Informal Discussion

6 p.m. Call to Order; Introductions;

Approve September Minutes;

Review Agenda

6:10 p.m. DDFO's Comments

- ES & H Issues
- Budget Update
- Environmental Management Project Updates
- Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Status
- Other

6:30 p.m. Federal Coordinator Comments

6:40 p.m. Ex-officio Comments

6:50 p.m. Public Comments and Questions