educational system improve policies and policy decisions, as well as policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation processes, in order to achieve the goal of teaching excellence and ensure continuous efforts related to that goal;

(3) Examine the effects that different policies for fostering or sustaining teaching excellence, or both, have on continuous school improvement, teacher performance, and student learning;

(4) Examine the interactions of various policies affecting teacher performance and teaching excellence and the costs and benefits of different

policies;

- (5) Examine the role of policy coordination and alignment in the creation of an overall policy structure that supports excellence in teaching; and
- (6) If appropriate, investigate education policies in other nations as they relate to and can inform education policies in the United States.

## Post-Award Requirements

The Secretary proposes the following post-award requirements consistent with the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination and Improvement Act of 1994, cited earlier in this Notice (20 U.S.C. section 6001 et seq.). A grantee receiving a center award must:

- (a) Collaborate with OERI and appropriate clients in identifying significant new issues and provide OERI with information about center projects and products and other appropriate research information so that OERI can monitor center progress and maintain its inventory of funded research projects. This information must be provided through media that include an electronic network;
- (b) Reserve five percent of each budget period's funds to support activities that fall within the center's priority area, are designed and mutually agreed to by the center and OERI, and enhance OERI's ability to carry out its mission. These activities may include developing research agendas, conducting research projects collaborating with other federallysupported entities, and engaging in research agenda setting and dissemination activities; and
- (c) Provide yearly summaries of findings usable by education decisionmakers and practitioners and others as appropriate and, at the end of the award period, synthesize the findings and advances in knowledge that resulted from the center's program of work and describe the potential

impact on the improvement of American education, including any observable impact to date.

#### **Invitation To Comment**

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding this proposed priority. Comments will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 608A, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday of each week except Federal holidays.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (84.308B) Educational Research and Development Centers Program)

Program Authority: Pub.L. 103-227, Title IX (20 U.S.C. 6031).

Dated: February 11, 1997.

Marshall Smith,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement. [FR Doc. 97-3906 Filed 2-14-97; 8:45 am]

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## **National Committee on Foreign** Medical Education and Accreditation; Meeting

**AGENCY: National Committee on Foreign** Medical Education and Accreditation, Education.

**ACTION:** Amendment of notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice published on January 28, 1997, Volume 62, page 4038. The purpose of this amendment is to change the time that the meeting will be convened on March 3, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The location and matters to be considered are not changed.

DATES AND TIMES: Monday, March 3, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday, March 4, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol F. Sperry, Executive Director, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, 7th and D Streets, SW., Room 3905, ROB #3, Washington, DC 20202-7563. Telephone: (202) 260-3636.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### Aluminum Partnership Solicitation for **Financial Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for financial assistance number DE-PS07-97ID13514: aluminum partnerships solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for costshared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce energy consumption and environmental impacts for the aluminum industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the aluminum industry in the "Aluminum Technology Roadmap Workshop Report" (November 1996) for the aluminum sector areas of Primary Aluminum Production, Semi-Fabricated Products, and Finished Products. Approximately \$2,000,000 in federal funds is available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making three or four cooperative agreement awards for projects with durations of four years or less. A minimum 30% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for demonstration projects. Collaborations between industry, national laboratory, and university participants are encouraged.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Hallum, Contract Specialist; Procurement Services Division; U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563; telephone (208) 526-5545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486, as amended by Pub. L. 103-437 on November 2, 1994). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.078. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about February 27, 1997, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address http://www.inel.gov/doeid/solicit.html. Application package forms will not be included on the home page and should be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be written. Include company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, and fax number. Write to the contract specialist at the address above, via fax number

(208) 526–5548, or via email to hallumla@inel.gov.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on February 10, 1997.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division. [FR Doc. 97–3873 Filed 2–14–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

## Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, February 25, 1997: 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Carson County Square House Museum, Panhandle, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Williams, Program Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477–3121.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

9:00 a.m. Welcome—Agenda Review— Approval of Minutes

9:10 a.m. Co-Chair Comments 9:20 a.m. Air Monitoring Discussion/

Recommendation 10:20 a.m. '98/'99 Budget Discussion—

General Overview

11:00 a.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports

11:30 a.m. Break

12:00 p.m. Task Force Reports

—Transition

 Environmental Restoration
 12:20 p.m. Update, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

1:05 p.m. Subcommittee Reports
—Nominations & Membership

—Policy & Personnel

1:30 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the

meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12 noon on Saturday; and 2 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9 am to 7 pm on Monday; 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 12, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, February 18, 1997, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

ADDRESS: San Juan County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 117 South Main, Monticello, Utah 84535.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist,

Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, PO Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO, 81502 (303) 248–7727.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:* Discussion on the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Report.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Audrey Berry's office at the address or telephone number listed above. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303) 248–7727.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 12, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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# Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

## Metal Casting Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) Meeting

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