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Dated: March 6, 2000.

William Burrow,

*Leader Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Title: Targeting Teacher Deferment/Teacher Shortage Area Collection (JS).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary); Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4748.

Burden Hours: 1077.

Abstract: Collection of State proposals for Targeted Teacher Deferment/Teacher Shortage Areas, of the Higher Education Act of 1986.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO IMG Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joe Schubart at (202) 708-9266. 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 EDUCATION.

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information 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 April 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@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, Information 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: March 7, 2000.

William Burrow,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs Federal Activities Grants—Counseling Demonstration Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour

Burden: Responses: 400; Burden Hours: 11,200.

Abstract: The Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program supports efforts to promote safe and disciplined schools for all students. In order to establish or expand counseling programs in elementary schools, the Department is providing \$20 million to LEAs that demonstrate the greatest need for counseling services in the schools to be served, propose the most innovative and promising approaches, and show the greatest potential for replication and dissemination. The Department will use the information to make grant awards.

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

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Questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at (202) 708-9346 (fax). 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

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

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

ACTION: Notice of restricted eligibility of a financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-00NT40767 entitled "Recovery and Utilization of Coal Mine Methane: Pilot Scale Demonstration Phase. Pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b), DOE has determined that issuance of this financial assistance solicitation on a restricted eligibility basis is necessary and appropriate. Accordingly, the eligibility of recipients for DOE financial assistance awards under this solicitation is limited to the following firms:

Jim Walter Resources, Inc., PO Box 133, Brookwood, AL 35444, Contact: Randall Mills. FuelCell Energy, Inc., 3 Great Pasture Road, PO Box 1305, Danbury, CT 06813-1305, Contact: Michelle Reichert.

West Virginia University Research Corporation On Behalf of West Virginia University/Appalachian Pacific, PO Box 6845, 886 Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown, WV 26506-6845, Contact: William W. Reeves.

Noumenon Corporation, 95 Ringold Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508, Contact: Linda Rizer. Northwest Fuel Development, Inc., 4064 Orchard Drive, Lake Oswego OR 97035, Contact: Peet Soot.

Industry partners will be required to cost share a minimum of 50 percent of the project activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal A. Sharp, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, PO Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, E-mail Address: crystal.sharp@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: (304) 285-4442

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1995, a competitive solicitation was issued requesting feasibility studies to determine existing, evolving, and novel technologies which may be applicable for capturing and utilizing coal mine methane emissions generated from active and inactive coal mining operations in the U.S. Ten offerors were selected for the Phase I feasibility effort. Based on the results reported from the Phase I effort, DOE down selected from the initial 10 awardees to the five awardees identified above to continue with Phase II, engineering design preparation. Phase II required each awardee to provide at a minimum 20 percent cost share. These five DOE-industry sponsored projects (which are partnerships with industry: coal, gas, electric, and engine companies) are the only efforts which are ongoing under

this specific aspect of DOE's Climate Challenge Program which began in 1993 as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Since the initial issuance of the fully competitive solicitation in 1995 focused on recovering coal mine methane emissions, the remaining five DOE-industry sponsored partnerships (following prior down selects) are in a singularly unique position, from both a technical and government cost effectiveness basis, to continue with the follow-on detailed engineering designs of those technologies solicited under this procurement action which can be reliably demonstrated in the field for timely verification of the cost-effective recovery and utilization of coal mine methane emissions.

Randolph L. Kesling,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho

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), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). 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: Tuesday, March 21, 2000, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 22, 2000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ameritel Inn 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL SSAB Facilitator Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, (208-522-1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>; or contact Mr. Charles Rice, INEEL SSAB Chair, c/o Jason Associates Corporation

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

Tentative Agenda

Presentations and discussions on the following:

- Finalize a recommendation on the Draft Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement.
- Receive a presentation and finalize a recommendation on the INEEL Institutional plan.

- Finalize a recommendation on the future of the Waste Experimental Reduction Facility.

- Receive a presentation on the status of DOE's efforts regarding Pit 9 and the other pits and trenches at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex.

- Finalize a recommendation on how DOE should evaluate impacts on ecological health at the INEEL.

- Finalize a recommendation on stakeholder involvement in long-term stewardship planning.

- Receive a briefing on the INEEL Technical Library.

(Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please call the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in this notice for the current agenda or visit the Internet site.)

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair 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 Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Jerry Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments. This notice is being less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

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 Charles M. Rice, INEEL CAB Chair, 477 Shoup Ave., Suite 205, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or by calling the Board's facilitator at (208) 522-1662.