materials, irradiation services, technical services, etc., incurred by the host university. Each grantee is responsible for announcing the availability of the reactor sharing program to other educational institutions in their geographical region. DATES: The deadline date for applications is March 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Four copies of the application should be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Office of Policy and Management, Information and Contract Management Branch, NE–133, Washington, D.C. 20585.

The application should be signed on the cover sheet by the person initiating the application and by the authenticating university official.

Telephone inquiries requesting information concerning this solicitation should be directed to Mr. E. G. Tourigny (301) 903–3679.

Completed applications delivered by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or when handcarried by the applicant must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Office of Policy and Management, Information and Contract Management Branch, NE– 133, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874.

Anyone interested in more detailed information may write to the address below:

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Facilities Division, Technical Support Branch, NE–443, Washington, D.C. 20585 or call Area Code 301–903–3679.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reactor Sharing Program derives its statutory authority from the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, which was enacted to provide for the development of technologies and processes to reduce total energy consumption and enhance energy production. The purpose of this program is to increase the availability of university nuclear reactor facilities to nonreactor owning colleges or universities and other educational institutions—(user institutions). This is accomplished by providing grants to reactor-owning universities (host institutions). These grants provide funds against which reactor operating costs may be charged when the facilities are utilized by regionally affiliated user institutions for student instruction or for student or faculty research. Under this program, allowable reactor operating costs are restricted to the categories delineated below under the heading, Financial Arrangements.

The objectives of the program are to strengthen nuclear science and engineering instruction in the curricula of the nonreactor owning colleges and universities, as well as to provide research opportunities and to enable the application of nuclear analytical techniques by faculty and students in the sciences. University reactors are extremely versatile neutron sources and research facilities; thus the availability of a nuclear reactor contributes particularly and significantly to research and educational opportunities at both the graduate, undergraduate and precollege levels. DOE anticipates that approximately \$500,000 will be available from the Office of Nuclear Energy for support of these activities during Fiscal Year 1995.

In accordance with 10 CFR– 600.7(b)(1), eligibility for these grants is restricted to U.S. colleges and universities with nuclear reactor facilities because they have a unique opportunity to enable other institutions to participate in important aspects of the Nation's nuclear science and engineering educational programs.

Individual award amounts will be determined by a DOE proposal review panel and will be based on (1) availability of the reactor to outside users, (2) the type of reactor sharing activities and the number of students and/or faculty traditionally served by the proposer, and (3) evidence of interest on the part of potential user institutions to utilize the proposer's facility during the proposed grant period. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this invitation. Negotiation, award, and administration will be in accordance with the DOE Financial Assistance Policy.

General Information

Institutional Eligibility

Any educational institution within the United States which operates a research or training reactor is eligible to submit a new award or renewal application to participate in the University Reactor Sharing Program. In evaluating applications, preference is given to institutions that can show an affiliation with a substantial number of regional educational institutions who have indicated interest in using the applicant's reactor facility, or who have used the facilities during the previous grant year.

User Institutions

User institutions eligible for participation in the program are

primarily educational institutions such as universities and colleges, junior colleges, technical and community colleges, high schools and junior high schools. User groups or individuals affiliated with the host institution are not eligible for assistance under this program. Also excluded are research activities undertaken by an educational institution for which grant or contract funding is provided by other sources. The selection and scheduling of user institution participants is the responsibility of the host institution.

Scope of Program Projects

The projects may range from tours/ demonstrations, experiments, workshops and seminars for middle and high school groups to faculty research projects and M.S./Ph.D. thesis or dissertation research. Reactor utilization may range from simple service irradiations and analytical support to basic research studies requiring the facilities' most sophisticated equipment.

Financial Arrangements

Duration of Grants

Funds for the University Reactor Sharing Program will be provided through an assistance grant with host institutions. Charges may be made against grant funds for services rendered to user institutions. The terms of a grant normally will be one year, subject to modifications and renewals.

Reimbursable Costs

Costs for reimbursement are limited to: (1) Payments for irradiation services not to exceed the established, published schedule of the host institution, (2) payments for use of the reactor and related facilities based upon established rates of the host institution, (3) costs of technical assistance furnished by the host institution for conduct of studies by a user institution, and (4) costs of materials and supplies consumed in user institution projects. Charges should not be made to the grant for costs that are already incurred as part of the normal operating expenses of the facility. Laboratory apparatus and instrumentation are not eligible items for reimbursement. Indirect or overhead costs are not allowed. Costs for individual or group travel or subsistence are normally not allowed or encouraged; exceptions are permitted, under unusual circumstances, with the approval of the project director.

Reports

An annual report summarizing activities supported under the grant is required from the host institution. *This report is due within 90 days after the*