proposed project and its relation to the specific objectives contained in this notice. Each proposal should follow the format outlined below unless the NRC specifically authorizes exception.

1. Cover Page. The Cover Page should be typed according to the following format (submit separate cover pages if the proposal is multi-institutional):

Title of proposal.—To include the term "research," "study," "conference," "symposium," "workshop," or other similar designation to assist in the identification of the project;

Location and Dates for Conferences, Symposium, Workshop, etc.; Names of Principal Researchers or Participants;

Total cost of Proposal; (Identify Cost by Fiscal Year)

Period of Proposal:

Organization or Institution and Department; Required Signatures:

Principal Participants:

Name: Date: Address:

Telephone No.: Required Organization Approval:

Name:

Date: Address: _

Telephone No.:

Organization Financial Officer: Name:

Date: Address: _

Telephone No.:

2. Project Description. Each proposal shall provide, in ten pages or less, a complete and accurate description of the proposed project. This section should provide the basic information to be used in evaluating the proposal to determine its priority for funding. Applicants must identify other possible sources of financial support for a particular project, and list those sources from which financial support has been or will be requested.

The information provided in this section must be brief and specific. Detailed background information may be included as supporting documentation to the proposal.

The following format shall be used for the project description:

- (a) Project Goals and Objectives. The project's objectives must be clearly and unambiguously stated. The proposal should justify the project including the problems it intends to clarify and the development it may stimulate.
- (b) Project Outline. The proposal should show the project format and agenda, including a list of principal areas of topics to be addressed.

- (c) *Project Benefits.* The proposal should indicate the direct and indirect benefits that the project seeks to achieve and to whom these benefits will accrue.
- (d) Project Management. The proposal should describe the physical facilities required for the conduct of project. Further, the proposal should include brief biographical sketches of individuals responsible for planning the project.
- (e) Project Costs. Nonprofit organization shall adhere to the cost principles set forth in OMB Circular A-122. Educational institutions shall adhere to the cost principles set forth in OMB Circular A-21, and state and local government shall adhere to the cost principles set forth in OMB Circular A-

The proposal must provide a detailed schedule of project costs, identifying in particular-

- (1) Salaries—in proportion to the time or effort directly related to the projects;
 - (2) Equipment (rental only):
- (3) Travel and Per Diem/Subsistence in relation to the project;
 - (4) Publication Costs;
- (5) Other Direct Costs (Specify)—e.g., supplies or registration fees; Note—Dues to organizations, federations or societies, exclusive of registration fees, are not allowed as a charge.
- (6) Indirect Costs (attached negotiated agreement/cost allocation plan); and
- (7) Supporting Documentation. The supporting documentation should contain any additional information that will strengthen the proposal.

Proposal Submission and Deadline

This notice is valid for Federal Government Fiscal Year 95 (October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995). Potential grantees are advised, however, that due to the limited funding available for new research grants to educational institutions, such proposals received after February 17, 1995 will be considered for FY95 funding to the extent practicable.

Funds

For Fiscal Year 95, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, anticipates making a total of approximately \$1,050,000.00 available for funding research grants to educational institutions. Of this amount, approximately \$456,000.00 will be available for new research grants in FY95. Because of this limitation, proposed grant budgets should be restricted to about \$50,000.00 per year, with total project funding not exceeding \$100,000.00 over a period of two years.

Evaluation Process

All proposals received as a result of this announcement will be evaluated by an NRC review panel.

Evaluation Criteria

The award of NRC grants is discretionary. Generally, projects are supported in order of merit to the extent permitted by available funds.

Evaluation of proposals for research projects will employ the following criteria. No level of importance is implied by the order in which these criteria are listed.

- 1. Adequacy of the research design.
- 2. Scientific significance of proposal.
- 3. Technical adequacy of the investigators and their institutional
- 4. Relevance to a research area(s) described above.
- 5. Reasonableness of estimated cost in relation to the work to be performed and anticipated result.

6. Potential benefit of the project to the overall benefit of the institution's graduate research program.

Evaluation of proposals for professional meetings, conferences, symposia, etc. will employ the following criteria:

- 1. Potential usefulness of the proposed project for the advancement of scientific knowledge.
- 2. Clarity of statement of objectives, methods, and anticipated results.
- 3. Range of issues covered by the meeting agenda.
- 4. Qualifications and experience of project speakers.
- 5. Reasonableness of estimated cost in relation to anticipated results.

Disposition of Proposals

Notification of award will be made by the Grants Officer, and organizations whose proposals are unsuccessful will be so advised.

Proposal Instructions and Forms

Questions concerning the preceding information, copies of application forms, and applicable regulations shall be obtained from or submitted to (Grant applications packages, Standard Form 424, must be requested in writing): U.S. **Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN:** Grants Officer, Division of Contracts, Mail Stop T-712, Office of Administration, Washington, D.C. 20555.

The address for hand-carried applications is: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Grants Officer. Division of Contracts, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T–7I2, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852.

Note: Upon delivery of the application to the NRC guard desk (at the above address),