Orders, rules, S/RIDS and other binding directives: and.

- (e) In the process of eliminating duplicate requirements and in arranging the remaining ones along more user friendly guidelines, which the Board agrees is desirable, ensure that existing requirements that are necessary and appropriate are not relaxed nor eliminated, and schedule commitments for achieving compliance are not delayed.
- (3) Ensure that compliance with the minimal (base-line) set of safety requirements contained in Rules is not construed as full compliance with all necessary safety requirements and does not displace effort to develop and implement through RIDS the best nuclear safety requirements and practices embodied in rules, Orders, standards, and other safety directives.
- (4) Clearly establish such line, oversight, and legal responsibilities for review and approval of contractual provisions specifying environment, health and safety requirements for DOE contractors to ensure that the requirements-based safety management program expected by the DOE will be uniformly developed and consistently imposed across the complex.

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

December 29, 1994.

The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy, Washington, DC 20585.

Dear Secretary O'Leary: On December 29, 1994, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 2286a(5), unanimously approved Recommendation 94-5 which is enclosed for your consideration. Recommendation 94-5 deals with Integration of DOE Safety Rules, Orders, and Other Requirements.

42 U.S.C. 2286d(a) requires the Board, after receipt by you, to promptly make this recommendation available to the public in the Department of Energy's regional public reading rooms. The Board believes the recommendation contains no information which is classified or otherwise restricted. To the extent this recommendation does not include information restricted by DOE under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2161-68, as amended, please arrange to have this recommendation promptly placed on file in your regional public reading rooms.

The Board will publish this recommendation in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Financial Assistance Award; in Support of U.S. Historically Black **Colleges and Universities**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center (PETC).

ACTION: Notice of Restricted Eligibility.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Pittsburgh Energy Technology announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.7(b)(1), and in support of the Metairie Site Office (MSO), it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation No. DE-PS22-95MT95001 and to award, on a restricted eligibility basis, financial assistance (grants) to U.S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities who can show evidence of a collaborative effort with industry, in support of innovative research and advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. Proposals will be subjected to a comparative merit review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of proposers on the basis of the scientific merit of the proposal, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds. The solicitation is expected to be available on January 12, 1995, and proposals must be received by the designated DOE office by February 28, 1995. The solicitation will be provided on a 3.5", double-sided/high density diskette, using Word Perfect 5.1

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, Attn.: Nancy Toppetta, Telephone: (412) 892–5715, FAX: (412) 892-6216.

Requests for solicitation copies must be made in writing or be transmitted via facsimile (FAX) to (412) 892-6212. If the diskette version of the solicitation is incompatible with the proposer's computer system, then a written request should be made for a paper copy in lieu of the diskette.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Solicitation Number: DE-PS22-95MT95001.

Title of Solicitation: "Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Objective: The Department of Energy seeks proposals from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and HBCU-affiliated research institutes in collaboration with the private sector for

innovative research and advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. The resultant grants are intended to maintain and upgrade educational, training, and research capabilities of our HBCUs in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources; to foster private sector participation, collaboration, and interaction with HBCUs; and to provide for the exchange of technical information and to raise the overall level of HBCU competitiveness with other institutions in the field of fossil energy research and development. Thus, the establishment of linkages between the HBCU and private sector fossil energy community is critical to the success of this program, and consistent with the Nation's goal of ensuring a future supply of fossil fuel scientists and engineers from a previously under-

utilized resource.

Eligibility: Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is redistricted to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and HBCU-affiliated research institutes, and only those that meet all of the following criteria may submit applications in response to this solicitation: the Principal Investigator or a Co-Principal Investigator must be a teaching professor at the submitting university listed in the application; and at least one student registered at the university is to be compensated for work performed in the conduct of research proposed in the application; and each HBCU applicant must reflect collaboration with industry, i.e., the private sector. Proposals from HBCUaffiliated research institutes must be submitted through the college or university with which they are affiliated. The university (not the university-affiliated research institute) will be the recipient of any resultant DOE grant award. A small or large business enterprise will qualify as a "private" sector entity; however, the following are specifically excluded from recognition as private sector collaborators: Federal, state and/or local government agencies and non-HBCU colleges and universities. Collaboration by the private sector with the HBCU may be in the form of cash cost sharing, consultation, HBCU access to industrial facilities or equipment, experimental data and/or equipment not available at the university, or as a subgrantee/ subcontractor to the HBCU.

Areas of Interest: In order to develop a focused national and regional program of HBCU research on fossil technology and resources, the Department is particularly interested in innovative