

c. Project financial plan—The project financial plan will be evaluated for the ability of the proposer to commit resources to finance the non-DOE share of the entire project and the adequacy of the proposer's financial condition.

Project cost/budget summary—This information should be provided for the proposed project. Reasonableness of cost to the government will be considered. The project cost/budget summary will be considered as an indication of the offeror's understanding of the job.

Evaluation of Applications

Applications submitted will be subject to a preliminary review by DOE to check for completeness and accuracy. Applications that are clearly non-responsive or do not provide evidence of cost-sharing agreements, will be rejected.

DOE reserves the right to support all, none, or certain parts of the applications submitted in response to this solicitation.

The information presented in the each application will be evaluated to determine the degree to which the stated objectives and priorities of this solicitation are met. The following is a summary listing of the criteria which will be considered in the evaluation and relative importance in the ranking process: resource potential, technical approach, cost-sharing, and business approach.

Issues relating to leasing, permitting, and related activities for the project development will be considered along with the environmental restrictions. The environmental evaluation will consider the impact of the proposed activities at the project site.

The proposed cost of the project will not be point scored. Applicants are advised, however, that notwithstanding the lower relative importance of the cost considerations, the evaluated cost may be the basis for selection. In making the selection decision, the apparent advantages of individual technical and business applications will be weighed against the probable cost to the government to determine whether the technical and business approaches (excluding cost considerations) are worth the probable cost differences.

Merit Reviews

All applications will be evaluated under the procedure for "Objective Merit Review of Discretionary Financial Assistance Applications", **Federal Register**, May 31, 1990, Vol. 55, No. 105 (copy provided upon request), and the criteria and programmatic considerations set forth in this

solicitation. In conducting this evaluation, the Government may utilize assistance and advice from non-Government personnel. Applicants are therefore requested to state on the cover sheet of the applications if they do not consent to an evaluation by such non-Government personnel. The applicants are further advised that DOE may be unable to give full consideration to an application submitted without such consent.

General Conditions and Notice to Applicants

a. *Applicants:* All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications in approximately 90 days after the closing date for this solicitation, provided no follow-up clarifications are needed. Status of any application during the evaluation and selection process will not be discussed with the applicants. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned.

b. *False Statements:* Applications must set forth full, accurate, and complete information as required by this solicitation. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

c. *Application Clarification:* DOE reserves the right to require applications to be clarified or supplemented to the extent considered necessary either through additional written submissions or oral presentations.

d. *Amendments:* All amendments to this solicitation will be mailed to recipients who submit a written request for the DOE application package.

e. *Applicant's Past Performance:* DOE reserves the right to solicit from available sources relevant information concerning an applicant's past performance and may consider such information in its evaluation.

f. *Commitment of Public Funds:* The Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with the proposed award. Any other commitment, either explicit or implied, is invalid.

g. *Effective Period of Application:* All applications should remain in effect for at least 180 days from the closing date.

h. *Availability of Funds:* The actual amount of funds to be obligated will be subject to availability of funds appropriated by Congress.

i. *Loans under DOE Minority Economic Impact (MEI) Loan Program:* Applicants are advised that loans under the DOE Minority Economic Impact (MEI) Loan Program are not available to finance the cost of preparing an application pursuant to this solicitation.

j. *Assurances and Certifications:* DOE requires the submission of preaward assurances of compliance and certifications which are mandated by law. The assurance and certification forms will be provided in the application package.

k. *Questions and Answers:* Questions regarding this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the DOE Contract Specialist no later than July 14, 1995. Any answers will be issued in writing.

l. *Preaward Costs:* The government is not liable for any costs incurred in preparation of an application. Awardees may incur preaward costs up to ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of award. Should the awardee take such action, it is done so at the awardee's risk and does not impose any obligation on the DOE to reimburse such costs if an award is not made.

m. *Patents, Data, and Copyrights:* Applicants are advised that patents, data, and copyrights will be treated in accordance with 10 CFR 600.33.

n. *Environmental Impact:* An applicant environmental checklist will be provided in the DOE application package. Award will not be made until the environmental checklist is completed. Review of the environmental checklist and the application will be conducted by DOE as required by 10 CFR 1021.216.

o. *EPACT:* Applicants shall be required to comply with Section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT) [42 U.S.C. 13525], as applicable.

p. *Buy American Act:* Any organization receiving an award under this solicitation must comply with the Buy American Provisions of Section 307 of Public Law 103-332, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Amoco Gas Co.; Notice of Self-Implementing Transactions

June 22, 1995.

Take notice that the following transactions have been reported to the Commission as being implemented pursuant to Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations, Sections 311 and 312 of the Natural Gas Policy Act