of late submission. If programs have established a series of due dates to allow for the comparison of applications against each other, these dates shall be indicated in the solicitation;

(11) The types of projects or activities

eligible for support;

(12) Evaluation criteria and the weight or relative importance of each, which may include one or more of the following or other criteria, as appropriate:

(i) Qualifications of the applicant's personnel who will be working on the

project;

- (ii) Adequacy of the applicant's facilities and resources;
- (iii) Cost-effectiveness of the project;(iv) Adequacy of the project plan or

methodology; (v) Management capability of the

applicant;

- (vi) Sources of financing available to the project. Any expectation concerning cost sharing shall be clearly stated. While cost sharing is generally encouraged, it shall not be considered in the evaluation process and shall be considered only at the time the award is negotiated, unless the cost sharing expectation is addressed in the solicitation.
- (vii) Relationship of the proposed project to the objectives of the solicitation;
- (13) A listing of program policy factors, if any, indicating the relative importance of each, if appropriate. Examples of program policy factors are:

(i) Geographic distribution;(ii) Diverse types and sizes of

applicant entities;

(iii) A diversity of methods, approaches, or kinds of work; and

(iv) Projects which are complementary to other DOE programs or projects;

(14) References to or copies of:

(i) Statutory authority for the program;(ii) Applicable rules, including the

appropriate subparts of this part;
(iii) Other terms and conditions
applicable to awards to be made under
the solicitation, including allowable and
unallowable costs and reporting
requirements;

(iv) Policies and procedures for patents, data, copyrights, audiovisual

productions and exhibits;

(v) Any required assurances not included in the application form;

(15) The deadline for submission of required or optional preapplications;

(16) Date, time, and location of any briefing for applicants;

(17) Required presubmission reviews and clearances, including a statement as to whether review under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs", is required.

- (18) Dates by which selections and awards are expected to be made and whether unsuccessful applications will be returned to the applicant or be retained by DOE and for what period of time;
- (19) A statement that DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made. If an award is made, such costs may be allowable as provided in the applicable cost principles (See Sections 600.127 and 600.222);
- (20) A statement that DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to the solicitation; and
- (21) Any other relevant information, including explanatory information or factual basis for justifications required by this part.

§ 600.9 Notice of program interest.

(a) General. (1) DOE may publish periodic Notices of Program Interest in the **Federal Register** and other media, as appropriate, which describes broad, general, technical problems and areas of investigation for which DOE may award grants or cooperative agreements.

(2) DOE shall evaluate any application submitted under a Notice of Program Interest as an unsolicited application.

(b) Contents. The notice shall include the following:

(1) A brief description of the areas of interest for which DOE may provide financial assistance.

(2) A statement about how resulting applications will be evaluated and the criteria for selection and funding.

- (3) An expiration date with an explanation that such a date does not represent a common deadline for applications but rather that applications may be submitted at any time before the notice expires.
- (4) The location for application submission.

§ 600.10 Form and content of applications.

(a) General. Applications shall be required for all financial assistance projects or programs.

(b) Forms. Applications shall be on the form or in the format and in the number of copies specified by DOE. (See Sections 600.112 and 600.210)

(c) Contents of an application. In general, a financial assistance application shall include:

(1) A facesheet containing basic identifying information. The facesheet shall be the Standard Form (SF) 424;

(2) A detailed narrative description of the proposed project, including the objectives of the project and the applicant's plan for carrying it out;

- (3) A budget with supporting justification
- (4) Any required preaward assurances.
- (d) Incomplete applications. DOE may return an application which is not signed by an authorized official and does not include all information and documentation required by statute, program rule, and the solicitation, if the nature of the omission precludes review of the application.
- (e) Supplemental information. During the review of a complete application, DOE may request the submission of additional information only if the information is essential to evaluate the application.

§ 600.11 Intergovernmental review.

Intergovernmental review of DOE financial assistance shall be conducted in accordance with 10 CFR part 1005.

§ 600.12 Generally applicable requirements.

- (a) Generally applicable requirements means Federal policies or administrative requirements that apply to more than one DOE financial assistance award, or a DOE financial assistance program and one or more other Federal assistance programs. Generally applicable requirements include, but are not limited to, the requirements of this part, Federal statutes, the OMB Circulars and other Governmentwide guidance implemented by this part, Executive Orders, and the requirements identified in appendix A of this subpart.
- (b) Except as expressly exempted by Federal statute or program rule, recipients and subrecipients of DOE financial assistance shall comply with all generally applicable requirements to which, by the terms of such requirements, they are subject.
- (c) Provisions shall be made to design and construct all buildings, in which DOE funds are used, to meet appropriate seismic design and construction standards. Seismic codes and standards meeting or exceeding the provisions of each of the model codes listed in this paragraph are considered to be appropriate for purposes of this part. The model codes are as follows:
- (1) 1991 Uniform Building Code, of the International Council of Building Officials,
- (2) 1992 Supplement to the National Building Code, of the Building Official and Code Administrators International.
- (3) 1992 Amendments to the Standard Building Code, of the Southern Building Code Congress International.

These codes provide a level of seismic safety that is substantially equivalent to