SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authority

Part B of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Public Law 94-163, created the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products other than Automobiles (Program). The most recent amendment, the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT), Public Law 102-486, identified several new categories of products and equipment for inclusion in various required and voluntary testing and information programs to promote energy efficiency and water conservation. Section 123 of EPACT established maximum water use standards for showerheads, faucets, water closets and urinals for equipment manufactured after January 1, 1994. In addition, Section 123 requires the Secretary of Energy to issue recommendations to the States for establishing State and local incentive programs designed to encourage the acceleration of voluntary replacement, by consumers, of existing showerheads, faucets, water closets, and urinals with those products that meet the new statutory standards. In developing the recommendations, the Secretary is required to consult with the heads of other Federal agencies, including the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; State officials; manufacturers, suppliers, and installers of plumbing products; and other interested parties.

2. Background

On June 20, 1994, the Department of Energy held a meeting in New York City as part of the American Water Works Association's annual conference to receive suggestions on how it should proceed to elicit broad participation in the process for developing recommendations, with input on all pertinent issues regarding State and local incentive programs. Approximately 30 people attended, of whom 6 submitted written proposals suggesting various courses of action for the Department. Discussions continued at a meeting of the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors in Las Vegas on September 29, 1994. Ideas and suggestions have been consolidated into an outline which will form the basis for a resource guide being developed by the Department and its contractor, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.

3. Public Meeting Procedure

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the outline and resource document developed thus far by the Department of Energy. Informal

discussion will follow an introductory presentation by the Department.

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Office of Energy Research

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 95-13: National Information Infrastructure

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Scientific Computing of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby announces its interest in receiving research grant applications to support DOE's program in the President's National Information Infrastructure (NII) initiative. The DOE program is integral to and supportive of the multi-agency NII initiative through the High Performance Computing and Communications (HPCC) program which has been in place since 1992.

DOE supports NII's goals through the Information Infrastructure Technology and Applications (IITA) component of the HPCC program by (1) supporting research and development to solve important scientific and technical challenges; (2) reducing the uncertainties in industrial research and development through increased cooperation between government, industry, and universities and by continued use of government and government-funded facilities as a prototype user of early commercial NII products; and (3) supporting the underlying research, network, and computational infrastructures on which NII applications are based.

DATES: To permit timely consideration of awards in FY 1995, formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received by March 15, 1995. Earlier submission is encouraged.

ADDRESSES: Formal applications referencing Program Notice 95–13 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Acquisition and Assistance Management Division, ER-64, (GTN), Washington, DC 20585. Attn: Program Notice 95-13. The following address must be used when submitting

applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Acquisition and Assistance Management Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NII program announced by Vice President Gore in 1993 encapsulates the promise of the Information Age to transform our society. Historically, communication and computing technology, i.e., leading edge information technology, has been a powerful instrument of change in our society. The National Information Infrastructure program seeks to enhance national competitiveness and improve the quality of life of the general populace. The principles and goals of the NII are: (1) Promote private sector investment; (2) extend the "universal service" concept to assure that information resources are available to all at affordable prices; (3) promote technological innovation and new applications; (4) promote seamless, interactive, user-driven operation of the NII; (5) ensure information security and network reliability; (6) improve management of the radio frequency spectrum; (7) protect intellectual property rights; (8) coordinate with other levels of government and with other nations; and (9) provide access to government information and improve government procurement.

The DOE program is to approach these goals by supporting the NII through the Information Infrastructure Technology and Applications (IITA) component of the HPCC program and requests applications for grants to support research in the following areas:

I. Wide Area and Distributed Network **Based Technologies To Support Energy Demand and Supply Management**

The management of energy demand is a serious concern for two reasons: there is the dependence on imported oil and gas, which affects the balance of payments, and there are environmental concerns with respect to the burning of fossil fuels. The utility companies use telecommunications to support their principal business of managing and providing energy to their customers. However, the evolving nature of the