

ACTION: Notice of intent to award a grant based upon an unsolicited application.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Golden Field Office, through the Chicago Regional Support Office, announces, pursuant to DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.14(f), its intent to award a grant to The American Institute of Architects (AIA) to coordinate technical assistance and promote the use of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies by the village of Pattonsburg, Missouri, a community that is rebuilding itself after the Midwest floods of 1993.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On June 3, 1994, AIA submitted a proposal to assist the village of Valmeyer, Illinois, which, like Pattonsburg, is attempting to rebuild after the 1993 floods. DOE accepted this proposal and awarded AIA a grant in the amount of \$100,000. Subsequently, AIA, DOE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) jointly agreed to provide similar assistance to Pattonsburg. \$50,000 in DOE funding was provided on September 30, 1994. DOE and FEMA have entered into an Interagency Agreement through which FEMA is providing \$50,000 to support of the project. Given the existence of the DOE grant, FEMA and DOE have jointly agreed that DOE will award and administer the FEMA funds.

The unsolicited application for support of this activity has been accepted by DOE and FEMA as a result of their joint determination that the proposed activity is meritorious, likely to be effective and successful, and offers a unique opportunity to mitigate the damage from future flood episodes (FEMA), while advancing the DOE mission of developing and demonstrating the use of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in a practical and highly visible setting. The project period for the award began on July 20, 1994, and is scheduled to end on June 30, 1995. DOE/FEMA plan to provide funding in the amount of \$50,000. This award will not be made for at least 14 days to allow for public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance for development of Indian Energy Resources.

SUMMARY: The Office of Technical and Financial Assistance, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, through the Denver Regional Support Office, announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation and make financial assistance awards to support Indian renewable energy and energy efficiency resource activities as authorized by section 2606 of Title XXVI, Public Law 102-486, the Energy Policy Act of 1992. This action is subject to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, which can be found in title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 600).

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Suite 380, Golden, CO 80401-2266. Attn: Margaret Learmouth, FY95 Indian Energy Solicitation. (Applications Number DE-PS48-95R810529) For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Ms. Learmouth at (303) 231-5757 or you may call the solicitation hotline at (303) 231-5750, ext. 132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, seeks to assist Tribes in the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects on Indian Reservations. Section 2606 authorizes support of projects for renewable energy and energy efficiency such as (1) technical assistance, (2) resource assessment, (3) feasibility analysis, (4) technology transfer, and (5) resolution of other technical, financial, or management issues identified by applicants. Demonstration projects which are an integral part of a feasibility study are allowable, whereas construction project implementation will not be considered. An applicant for assistance must be a Federally recognized Indian tribe, including an Alaska Native village or corporation (as defined in, or established under, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act).

Renewable energy technologies of interest, include but are not limited to: bio-mass or bio-energy; photovoltaic; wind turbine; hydropower or ocean power; solar thermal; heat pump; and geothermal technologies. Energy efficiency projects include, but are not limited to: lighting equipment systems; heating and air conditioning equipment; electric motors, various energy conservation techniques and measures; utility electric supply strategies; building efficiency; automated/computerized energy management systems; and co-generation techniques.

More details on the types of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects and activities that might be expected as a result of this competition are included in the solicitation.

An applicant is advised to concentrate only on its strongest, most promising, and best developed energy resource project. The DOE discourages multiple applications from the same tribal entity.

With the exception of awards for the purpose of feasibility studies, at least 20 percent of the cost of any project is to be provided from non-Federal sources.

Applicants must show evidence of tribal involvement in the proposed energy project. Most commonly this will be shown by including in the application a tribal resolution, or similarly official tribal document, which reflects the tribe's support for and understanding of the project for which funding is applied.

It is currently anticipated that the review of applications will begin on or about May 15, 1995. Selections will commence approximately mid-June, with anticipated award issuance during the period July through September 1995.

It is anticipated that the DOE will make multiple financial assistance awards as a result of this solicitation. In fiscal year 1995, approximately \$2,000,000 will be made available to the program. Approximately 12-15 awards may be made in fiscal year 1995 with the federal share funding levels not to exceed \$200,000 per award. The number of awards depends on the availability of funds, needs of projects that are continuing from prior years, DOE program policy considerations, and the technical quality of the applications.

Project periods will generally not exceed one year in length. All DOE funding is subject to the availability of appropriations.

Awards may be either grants or cooperative agreements, depending on whether substantial involvement is anticipated between DOE and the recipient during performance of the contemplated activity.