

efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

DATES: The program guidance/solicitation was available March 31, 1997. Applications must be received by June 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: Faith Lambert at the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fiscal year 1997 is the second year special project activities are funded in conjunction with the State Energy Program (10 CFR part 420). Most of these State-oriented special projects are related to or based on similar efforts that have been funded separately by the various DOE end-use sector programs that are now providing funding for these optional SEP activities.

Availability of Fiscal Year 1997 Funds

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of \$9.75 million in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 1997. The awards will be made through a competitive process. The end-use sector programs that are participating in the SEP special projects for fiscal year 1997, with the estimated minimum amount of funding available for each, are as follows:

- *Clean Cities:* Accelerating the introduction and increasing the use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles through the development of infrastructure and clean corridors (\$1,550,000).
- *Federal Energy Management Program:* Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal and State buildings (\$545,000).
- *Industrial Programs:* May include such programs as: NICE" to improve industrial competitiveness through energy efficiency and waste reduction;
- *Motor Challenge:* To increase the market penetration of energy efficient industrial electric motor driven systems; and
- *Climate Wise:* To provide resources for States to design and implement comprehensive industrial assistance

initiatives (estimated total for these programs: \$1,250,000).

- *Rebuild America:* Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1,000,000).
- *Codes and Standards:* Supporting States actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$3,800,000).
- *Utility Technologies:* Projects to demonstrate and increase utilization of renewable energy sources, such as biomass, geothermal heat pumps, hydrogen technology, photovoltaics for utility scale applications, and wind energy (\$850,000).

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing or matching contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing or matching contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the respective participating end-use sector programs in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. A decision as to the applications selected for funding will then be made by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Building Technology, State and Community Programs, or designee, based on the findings of the technical merit review and any stated program policy factors. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the

applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586-2319.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Atlantic City Electric Company; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Delmarva Power & Light Company; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Metropolitan Edison Company; Pennsylvania Electric Company; Pennsylvania Power & Light Company; PECO Energy Company; Potomac Electric Power Company; Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Filing

April 21, 1997.

Take notice that on April 15, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. and Con Agra Energy Services, Inc. applied to become additional signatories to the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Maryland Interconnection Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 25, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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