

educational system improve policies and policy decisions, as well as policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation processes, in order to achieve the goal of teaching excellence and ensure continuous efforts related to that goal;

(3) Examine the effects that different policies for fostering or sustaining teaching excellence, or both, have on continuous school improvement, teacher performance, and student learning;

(4) Examine the interactions of various policies affecting teacher performance and teaching excellence and the costs and benefits of different policies;

(5) Examine the role of policy coordination and alignment in the creation of an overall policy structure that supports excellence in teaching; and

(6) If appropriate, investigate education policies in other nations as they relate to and can inform education policies in the United States.

#### Post-Award Requirements

The Secretary proposes the following post-award requirements consistent with the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination and Improvement Act of 1994, cited earlier in this Notice (20 U.S.C. section 6001 *et seq.*). A grantee receiving a center award must:

(a) Collaborate with OERI and appropriate clients in identifying significant new issues and provide OERI with information about center projects and products and other appropriate research information so that OERI can monitor center progress and maintain its inventory of funded research projects. This information must be provided through media that include an electronic network;

(b) Reserve five percent of each budget period's funds to support activities that fall within the center's priority area, are designed and mutually agreed to by the center and OERI, and enhance OERI's ability to carry out its mission. These activities may include developing research agendas, conducting research projects collaborating with other federally-supported entities, and engaging in research agenda setting and dissemination activities; and

(c) Provide yearly summaries of findings usable by education decisionmakers and practitioners and others as appropriate and, at the end of the award period, synthesize the findings and advances in knowledge that resulted from the center's program of work and describe the potential

impact on the improvement of American education, including any observable impact to date.

#### Invitation To Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding this proposed priority. Comments will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 608A, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday of each week except Federal holidays.

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Marshall Smith,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

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#### National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, Education.

**ACTION:** Amendment of notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice published on January 28, 1997, Volume 62, page 4038. The purpose of this amendment is to change the time that the meeting will be convened on March 3, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The location and matters to be considered are not changed.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Monday, March 3, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday, March 4, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Aluminum Partnership Solicitation for Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for financial assistance number DE-PS07-97ID13514: aluminum partnerships solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce energy consumption and environmental impacts for the aluminum industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the aluminum industry in the "Aluminum Technology Roadmap Workshop Report" (November 1996) for the aluminum sector areas of Primary Aluminum Production, Semi-Fabricated Products, and Finished Products. Approximately \$2,000,000 in federal funds is available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making three or four cooperative agreement awards for projects with durations of four years or less. A minimum 30% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for demonstration projects. Collaborations between industry, national laboratory, and university participants are encouraged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Hallum, Contract Specialist; Procurement Services Division; U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563; telephone (208) 526-5545.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for the program is the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486, as amended by Pub. L. 103-437 on November 2, 1994). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.078. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about February 27, 1997, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address <http://www.inel.gov/doeid/solicit.html>. Application package forms will not be included on the home page and should be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be written. Include company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, and fax number. Write to the contract specialist at the address above, via fax number