

alternative, require removal of some shaded riverine aquatic cover and disturbance of the river channel, impacts to wildlife habitat, possible effects on escape areas for wildlife during storm events, and possible effects on wildlife movements. Such activities could result in adverse effects on fish habitat during and after construction. Anadromous fish to be evaluated are steelhead, which is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and chinook salmon.

- **Water Quality.** Potential construction-related effects on water quality include temperature changes, turbidity, and possible disturbance and mobilization of mercury present in the sediments.

- **Air Quality.** Earthmoving associated with constructing Alternative 2 could result in increased PM10 (particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter) emissions.

- **Transportation and Traffic.** Project construction could result in temporary construction-related traffic congestion.

- **Hazardous Materials.** Potential construction-related effects on areas surrounding the river would be disturbance and mobilization of mercury and other contaminants present in the area soils and in the groundwater.
- **Cultural Resources.** Several cultural resource sites exist along the lower Guadalupe River and, depending on the alternative, these sites might be disturbed during LGRP construction. In addition, unknown cultural resources could be discovered and disturbed during construction operations.

b. Affected federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to comment on the proposal to prepare the draft EIR/EIS and on the scope of issues to be included therein.

c. The USACE and SCVWD will consult local, state, and federal agencies with regulatory or implementation responsibility for, or expertise in, the resources in the area of investigation. These include, but are not limited to, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; the State Historic Preservation Officer, California Department of Fish and Game, California Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, State Lands Commission, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and California Department of Transportation; and the City of San Jose and San Jose Redevelopment Agency. The USACE will conduct an

environmental review of the project in accordance with:

- National Environmental Policy Act,
- Section 404 of Clean Water Act,
- Section 10 of Rivers & Harbors Act,
- Endangered Species Act,
- Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Essential Fish Habitat,
- Clean Air Act,
- National Historic Preservation Act,
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act,
- Coastal Zone Management Act.

d. Meetings with interested persons will be held during the scoping period and after release of the draft EIR/EIS. Coordination with federal and state agencies, tribal governments, and local governments will take place throughout the entire process as necessary.

e. On May 3, 2000, a scoping meeting will be held in the community to describe the LGRP and solicit suggestions, recommendations, and comments to help refine the issues, measures, and alternatives to be addressed in the draft EIR/EIS. Specific locations, dates, and times of the meeting(s) will be published in local newspaper(s) or other media, and provided to those persons receiving this notice and those who call or write after seeing a published version.

f. A 45-day period will be provided for public review and comment on the draft EIR/EIS. All interested persons should respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the draft EIR/EIS. A 30-day public review period will be provided for review and comment on the final EIR/EIS.

Availability

The draft EIR/EIS is expected to be available for a 45-day public review and comment period in fall 2000. The final EIR/EIS is expected to be available for a 30-day review period in March 2001.

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Dated: April 17, 2000.

Calvin C. Fong,

Chief, Regulatory Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Notice of Change in Disposal of Buildings and Land at Closed Military Installation; Former Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point), Seattle, WA

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice provides information on the surplus property at

the former Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point), Seattle, Washington.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1991, Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point), Seattle, Washington, was designated for closure pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. On September 20, 1995, approximately 126 acres of land and facilities, located at Sand Point were determined surplus to the needs of the federal Government and available for use by state and local governments, representatives of the homeless and other interested parties. Approximately 11 acres were designated to be a federal transfer to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA declined the transfer and subsequently the City of Seattle requested the property for park and recreation purposes and submitted an application for the property under the Federal Lands-to-Parks Program of the National Park Service.

Surplus Property Description

The following is a listing of the additional land and facilities at the former Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point), Seattle, Washington, that have been declared surplus to the needs of the federal Government:

Land

Approximately 11 acres of improved and unimproved fee simple land at the former Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point), Seattle, Washington, located in King County, in the northeastern portion of the City of Seattle, Washington. Area is immediately available.

Buildings

The following is a summary of the facilities located on the above described land.

- Warehouse/storage facilities (1 structure). Comments: Approx. 115,000 square feet.
- Miscellaneous paved areas.
- Utility facilities. Comments: Electrical, steam, water, sewage

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Engel, Director, Department of the Navy, Real Estate Operations Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1322 Patterson Ave. SE, Suite 1000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5065, telephone (202) 685-9203 or Mike Brady, Director, Real Estate, Engineering Field Activity, Northwest, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 19917 7th Avenue NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370-7570, telephone (360) 396-0908.

Dated: April 11, 2000.

J. L. Roth,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office, Office of Industrial Technologies, Notice of the Chemicals Industry of the Future Solicitation

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office,
DOE.

ACTION: Notice of financial assistance
solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing its intention to solicit applications for financial assistance for cost shared research and development of technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the U.S. chemical industry. The DOE Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) seeks industry cost-shared projects involving at least two chemical industry companies per project that address research needs identified in Technology Vision 2020: The U.S. Chemical Industry "vision document" and the subsequent Vision 2020 technology roadmaps. These documents can be found on the OIT web-site located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/chemicals/>. DOE is interested in projects that focus on applied research that lead to the development and successful completion of pilot-scale operations. Projects of most interest will be those that demonstrate broad chemical industry applicability, and which will yield large and replicable energy savings.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about May 31, 2000. The deadline for submission of applications will be identified in the solicitation and should occur during August, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the solicitation, when issued, can be obtained from the DOE Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "current solicitations," Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00CH11040. Access to this Home Page will also be possible through a hot-link from the OIT Chemicals web-site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Motz at (630) 252-2152; by mail at U.S.

Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899; by facsimile at (630) 252-5045; or by electronic mail at john.motz@ch.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

DOE through its Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) supports industries in their efforts to increase energy efficiency, reduce waste and increase productivity. The goal of OIT is to accelerate the development and use of advanced energy efficient, renewable and pollution prevention technologies that benefit industry, the environment, and U.S. energy security. OIT's core program is the Industries of the Future (IOF) initiative that focuses on basic materials and processing industries such as the chemical industry.

Research and Development Solicitation Topics

Responsive projects will cross-cut several technological and methodological roadmap areas including, but not limited to, catalysis, separations, new process chemistry, reaction engineering, materials of construction, computational fluid dynamics, and computational chemistry. Specific attention should be given to system integration and process operation and control development. The outcome of these projects should be pilot-scale demonstrations that will lead to full-scale demonstration and commercialization of process technology. The technology development project proposed must show a high probability of commercialization beyond a single company. For this reason, the proposers will need to describe the path to commercialization that will impact more than one company's process applications; the technology must show a broad applicability in its proposed configuration or in a similar adaptation to other chemical industry applications.

Type and Number of Anticipated Awards

Awards under this solicitation will be cooperative agreements with a term of up to three years. DOE is planning to allocate approximately \$4 million in fiscal year 2001 for the selected projects, subject to the availability of funds. It is estimated that three to six projects will be selected for cost-shared cooperative agreements. Total estimated Government funding for the solicitation is approximately \$12 million for the maximum three-year period, subject to the availability of funds.

Application Requirements

The projects must include teams that comprise multi-disciplinary expertise from corporate research, process engineering, technology development groups or companies, and new business development organizations within and outside chemical companies. Applications that do not propose a teaming arrangement of at least two chemical industry companies will not be evaluated. Teams shall be led by chemical companies, but may include partners from chemical product/raw material suppliers, chemical customers, equipment suppliers, engineering firms, software and consulting firms, universities, National Laboratories, and research institutes.

Applicants will be required to cost share a minimum of 50% of the total project costs to be incurred under the proposed project to be eligible for award under this solicitation.

In addition to the foregoing, other evaluation and selection criteria will be developed in accordance with 10 CFR 600.10—Form and Content of Applications and 10 CFR 600.13—Merit Review.

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John D. Greenwood,

Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA97-111-001, OA97-112-001 and OA97-124-001]

Cinergy Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

April 14, 2000.

Take notice that on March 20, 2000, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), as agent for and on behalf of the Cinergy Operating Companies, PSI Energy, Inc. and The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, submitted its compliance filing pursuant to the Commission's February 29, 2000 Order in Allegheny Power Service Company, *et al.*, 90 FERC ¶ 61,224.

Cinergy states that it has served a copy of its filing upon Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company and Indiana Municipal Power Agency.

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