

3. ANTICIPATED AWARD

DOE anticipates the award of a single Cooperative Agreement from this solicitation, by October 1, 1999. A project period of three (3) years, at least, is anticipated. The minimum funding for the initial award is \$50,000 for FY 2000. Total funding for FY 2000 may exceed \$50,000, subject to availability of funds. Funding in subsequent years is subject to availability of funds.

DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any or none of the applications submitted in response to this solicitation. Further, DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with preparation or submission of applications if an award is made. If an award is made, such costs may be allowable as provided in the applicable cost principles (see Sections 10 CFR 600.127 and 600.222).

Regulatory Information

Negotiation, award, and administration will be in accordance with DOE Financial Assistance Rules 10 CFR Part 600. A copy of 10 CFR 600 may be obtained electronically at www.pr.doe.gov/f600toc.html.

The authority for this solicitation is the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977, as amended, Public Law 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101.

No funding will be available under the DOE Minority Economic Impact (MEI) loan program, 10 CFR 800, to finance the cost of preparing a financial assistance application.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 81.049.