

Management Plan (35 points)

- The extent to which the offeror provides a description of its plan for managing the project in a clear and sequential fashion, and the extent to which that plan provides credible evidence that the management of personnel, physical resources, activities, and work production will result in a robust portal with a 99.99 percent "uptime rate." (20 points)
- The quality of the offeror's plans to establish and work with an advisory committee that has appropriate expertise to advise the offeror on its implementation of the project. (5 points)
- The extent to which the time commitments of the offeror's staff are appropriate to operating and maintaining U.S.A. Learns Web Portal. (5 points)
- The extent to which the offeror submitted a summary of a plan to evaluate the use and effectiveness of the portal, so that it can be improved. (5 points)

Other Requirements for the Content of Proposals

Proposals submitted in response to this notice also must include the following information:

- Name, address, and contact information for the entity submitting the proposal.
- Mission statement of the entity.
- Capability statement (must address the key factors and each component of the selection criteria).
- Entity's Web site URL.
- Annual report or similar report on the condition of the entity.
- Description of existing programs owned and operated by the entity that could support the goals of the U.S.A. Learns Web Portal.
- A signed assurance by an appropriate officer of the entity indicating that the entity agrees to own and operate the portal consistent with its proposal and with the purposes and provisions of this notice, and understands that, if it does not do so, the ownership of the portal, all content therein provided by the Department, and all databases needed to operate the portal will revert to the Department, which can award it to another entity or entities in accordance with a notice published in the **Federal Register**. The signed assurance shall acknowledge that the Department shall transfer its specific rights and interest in data and content of the portal. In addition, the assurance shall acknowledge that in the event of any reversion of the portal to the Department, the Department shall possess the rights and interest in data

and content of the portal provided by the Department, including all databases needed to operate the portal. In the assurance the entity will also agree to submit semi-annual reports on the operation and use of the portal in such detail as the Department specifies in the agreement that the parties will sign.

Availability of Funds

There are no Federal funds available to support the portal once ownership and operation have been transferred from the Federal Government. It will be the sole responsibility of the selected entity or entities to bear all costs associated with ownership and operation of the portal.

Interests of the Federal Government

The Department will transfer ownership of the portal and its content to the entity or entities selected. The Department will transfer the rights and interest it possesses in data and content transferred to the entity or entities. In addition, as noted elsewhere in this notice, if the entity or entities selected operates the portal in a manner that is not consistent with its or their proposal or proposals and with the purposes and provisions of this notice, or if the entity or entities ceases to operate the portal, the ownership of the portal, all content therein provided by the Department, and all databases needed to operate the portal will revert to the Department, and the entity or entities will not be authorized to operate the portal. Upon such a reversion, the Federal Government shall possess the rights and interest in data and content of the portal originally provided by the Department, including all databases needed to operate the portal. Under these circumstances, the Department may award the ownership of the portal to another entity or entities in accordance with a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Friday, December 19, 2008, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: *Location:* TMS, Inc., 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW., Suite 1500, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-5600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee is to provide advice on development and implementation of programs related to ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resources to the Secretary of Energy and provide comments and recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy Annual Plan per requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999.

Tentative Agenda:
9:30 a.m.–10 a.m. Registration.
10 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Roll Call;

Opening Remarks by the Committee Chair; Remarks by Designated Federal Officer; Member discussion regarding organization and/or establishment of standing subcommittees; Committee vote; Member discussion regarding next steps.

11:45 a.m.–12 p.m. Public Comments.
12 p.m. Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chairman of the

Committee will lead the meeting for the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Elena Melchert at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least 10 business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 5 minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1G-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 24, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed revision and three-year extension to the Form OE-781R "Report of International Electrical Export/Import Data."

DATES: Comments must be filed by January 30, 2009. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Steve Mintz. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-8008) or e-mail (steven.mintz@hq.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy (Mail Code OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Mr. Mintz may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-9506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions (the proposed draft collection) should be directed to Mr. Steve Mintz at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Also, the EIA will later seek approval for this collection by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, which currently has programmatic responsibility, oversees international electricity power flows for reliability and violations of permit standards. They also monitor the levels of electricity imports and exports and issue summary tabulations in a staff Annual Report. Monthly tabulations of these data may be used by the Energy Information Administration. The publications may include: *Annual Energy Outlook*, *Annual Energy Review*, *Electric Power Annual*, *Electric Power Monthly*, and *Monthly Energy Review*. This information will be kept in the public electronic files and will be available for public copying.

The existing survey was designed for an electric utility industry that was dominated by integrated utilities, operating narrowly within prescribed markets and individually holding complete information on their operations and finances. In that environment, utilities that held

Presidential Permits and or Export Authorizations could provide relatively complete information on their activities. The utilities, before restructuring of the power industry, also controlled power lines that largely were dedicated to serving their own customers, so it was appropriate for regulatory concern about reliability of supply to focus on the capacities and uses of individual lines, not systems. That has all changed. The reasons include: the restructuring of the wholesale and transmission markets by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); the entry of a large number of independent marketers into those markets; and the regulatory requirement that entities in the electric power industry keep information on transmission operations separate from their information on marketing. All of that has placed limits on the usefulness of the existing form and collection format.

II. Current Actions

The following changes are being proposed:

The form would collect data on monthly activity, and respondents would file the form monthly using an internet-based electronic data collection and editing system. Monthly data would be filed within 30 days of the end of the reporting month, e.g. October data would be due not later than November 30. (The existing form collects monthly information annually on paper filings.)

The Form OE-781R would be retitled "Monthly Electricity Imports and Exports Report."

A new category of respondents is being proposed to report on transmission system operations. That category would cover the independent system operators (ISOs) and regional transmission operators (RTOs). Since much of the physical information on cross-border power flows today is held by ISOs/RTOs and the transmission system managers in the federal power marketing administrations (PMA), they will likely be the principal respondents for questions on flows, capacities, and characteristics of transmission operations.

Purchasers and sellers (including the marketing entities in the PMAs) would respond to questions on the value of the imports and exports (costs and revenues).

The form would be restructured by disaggregating it into two parts and would separately query the U.S. transmission system operators and the U.S. purchasing and selling entities involved in cross-border trade. The separation of transmission and power