

DOE Issues National Energy Sector Cyber Organization Notice of Intent

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The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) announced on Jan. 7 that it intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a National Energy Sector Cyber Organization, envisioned as a partnership between the federal government and energy sector stakeholders to protect the bulk power electric grid and aid the integration of smart grid technology to enhance the security of the grid.

The cyber organization is expected to have the knowledge, expertise, capabilities, and capacity, at a minimum to:

- Identify and prioritize cyber security research and development issues.
- Identify and disseminate cyber security best practices.
- Organize the collection, analysis, and dissemination of infrastructure vulnerability and threat data.
- Work cooperatively with DOE and other federal agencies to enhance cyber security of the bulk power electric grid and energy infrastructure.

Approximately \$8.5 million is expected to be available under the FOA over three years to establish the center, with increasing cost-share requirements over that time. In future years, the organization is expected to become self-sustaining. DOE intends to issue the FOA in March 2010.

To view the Notice of Intent, visit <http://e-center.doe.gov/doebiz.nsf/d76fbc294818822885256d98006c63b6/a9adfa72d0730f74862576a40067ba-d8?OpenDocument>. Interested parties are welcome to e-mail comments or input to DOE regarding the planned FOA to cyberorg@netl.doe.gov. DOE does not plan to respond to e-mail messages.