

Hours: 15; (8) *Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: None.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 211(o)(9)(A)(ii) of the Clean Air Act, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT 2005), requires that DOE conduct a study for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assessing whether the renewable fuel standard (RFS) would impose a "disproportionate economic hardship" on small refineries. This survey will provide technical information to support the study.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Notice of Reestablishment of the Electricity Advisory Committee

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App., and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Electricity Advisory Committee has been reestablished for a two-year period.

The Committee will provide advice to the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DOE), on its programs to modernize the nation's electric power system. The Secretary of Energy has determined that reestablishment of the Electricity Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issues in implementation of those Acts.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a Member of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of members.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, the U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to fill vacancies on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Deadline for Technical Advisory Committee member nominations is July 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The nominee's name, resume, biography, and any letters of support must be submitted via one of the following methods:

1. E-mail to [laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov) or [christina.fagerholm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:christina.fagerholm@ee.doe.gov).

2. Facsimile to 202-586-1640, Attn: Laura McCann.

3. Overnight delivery service to the Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Stop EE-2E, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura McCann, Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-7766; e-mail: [laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov) or Christina Fagerholm at (202) 586-2933; e-mail: [christina.fagerholm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:christina.fagerholm@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000 (Biomass Act) [Pub. L. 106-224] requires cooperation and coordination in biomass research and development (R&D) between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Biomass Act was repealed in June 2008 by section 9001 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) [Pub. L. 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, enacted June 18, 2008, H.R. 6124].

FCEA section 9008(d) establishes the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) and lays forth its meetings, coordination, duties, terms and membership types. The Committee must meet quarterly and should not duplicate the efforts of other Federal advisory committees. The Committee advises the

DOE and USDA points of contact with respect to the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative) and also makes written recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board (Board). Those recommendations regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are distributed and used consistent with Initiative objectives; (B) solicitations are open and competitive with awards made annually; (C) objectives and evaluation criteria of the solicitations are clear; and (D) the points of contact are funding proposals selected on the basis of merit, as determined by an independent panel of qualified peers.

The Committee members may serve up to two, three year terms and must include: (A) An individual affiliated with the biofuels industry; (B) an individual affiliated with the biobased industrial and commercial products industry; (C) an individual affiliated with an institution of higher education who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (D) 2 prominent engineers or scientists from government or academia who have expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (E) an individual affiliated with a commodity trade association; (F) 2 individuals affiliated with environmental or conservation organizations; (G) an individual associated with State government who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (H) an individual with expertise in energy and environmental analysis; (I) an individual with expertise in the economics of biofuels and biobased products; (J) an individual with expertise in agricultural economics; (K) an individual with expertise in plant biology and biomass feedstock development; (L) an individual with expertise in agronomy, crop science, or soil science; and (M) at the option of the points of contact, other members (REF: FCEA 2008 section 9008(d)(2)(A)). All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to an expertise. Appointments will be made for three-year terms as dictated by the legislation.

Nominations this year are being accepted only for the following categories in order to address the Committee's needs: (C) An individual affiliated with an institution of higher education who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (D) 2 prominent engineers or scientists from government or academia who have expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (H) an individual with expertise in energy and environmental analysis; and (M) at the option of the points of contact, other members.

Nominations are solicited from organizations, associations, societies,