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RFP / Solicitation News

1. California Clean Energy Business Financing Program Accepts Applications

The California Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency will make more than \$30 million available to eligible California manufacturing businesses under the Clean Energy Business Financing Program (CEBFP). The program “is open to California businesses that want to expand, diversify or retool existing facilities to manufacture eligible energy efficiency or renewable energy products, components, systems, and technologies.” Loans will be a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$5 million per applicant. Application forms will become available March 29, 2010. Applications will be competitively awarded until all funds are exhausted.

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/cleanenergy.html>

2. NH Enterprise Energy Fund Provides Grants, Loans for Energy Efficiency Improvements

\$3.5 million was awarded to the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority and its partners to capitalize a revolving loan fund, the Enterprise Energy Fund, to help finance energy improvements in buildings owned by micro, small, medium, and large commercial businesses and nonprofit organizations. A small portion of the Fund will be used for grants while a larger percentage will be loaned to businesses to reduce their energy costs and consumption. Loans will range from \$10,000 to \$500,000. Preliminary applications submitted through April 30, 2010, will be the first group to be reviewed.

http://www.nhcdfa.org/web/erp/eef/eef_overview.html

3. EPA SBIR Areas of Interest Include Distributed Energy, Energy from Biomass

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its 2011 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program solicitation, which includes areas of interest such as innovative technologies that produce energy from waste materials, technologies to improve energy efficiency at wastewater treatment plants, and distributed energy delivery systems. For Phase I, approximately 35 firm-fixed-price contracts of up to \$80,000 each are expected to be awarded. Proposals are due May 11, 2010.

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/sbir/>

4. Pre-Solicitation Notice for FY2010.2 DOT SBIR

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Volpe National Transportation Center, has announced it will open its FY2010.2 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program solicitation on April 2, 2010. We will provide details on any fuel cell or hydrogen related topics included in the solicitation in the April 2010 issue of *Fuel Cell Connection*. Deadline for responses to the SBIR will be May 14, 2010.

<http://www.volpe.dot.gov/sbir/>

5. NSF SBIR/STTR Includes Advanced Materials, Hydrogen Production Topics

The National Science Foundation (NSF) issued its 2010 Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) solicitation, which includes topics and subtopics related to fuel cells, hydrogen production from biomass, hydrogen storage, and high-temperature materials. A total of \$45 million is expected to be available for 200 to 300 Phase I awards of up to \$150,000 each. Full proposals are due June 9, 2010.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503361&org=IIP&from=home

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