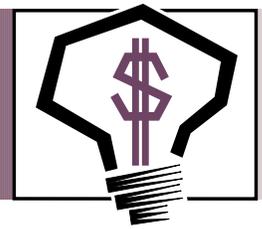


INVENTIONS & INNOVATION



As an Office of Industrial Technologies' Industry of the Future, are you searching for opportunities to boost resource productivity and better achieve your vision and roadmap goals? Do you desire funding opportunities for your energy-related ideas and inventions? The Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program may be just for you.

PROGRAM GOALS

The Department of Energy, Office of Industrial Technologies' I&I Program serves as an excellent opportunity for U.S. small businesses and individual inventors to receive federal funding for their energy-related inventions. Promising ideas that demonstrate a significant energy savings and future commercial market potential are chosen through a competitive solicitation process. This program provides financial assistance for conducting early development of innovative ideas or validating technical performance and market potential of promising technologies. Non-financial assistance such as mentoring, networking, technical guidance, market analysis, and commercialization support will also be provided to successful applicants.

The I&I Program targets technology development in nine of the most energy and waste intensive industrial manufacturing industries, which are part of the Office of Industrial Technologies' Industries of the Future: agriculture, aluminum, chemicals, forest products, glass, metal casting, mining, petroleum, and steel. Projects that are congruent with the goals and technology needs of these industries as identified in their vision and roadmap documents are selected for awards. (Please visit our Web site at www.oit.doe.gov for detailed information on the industry technology needs and the vision and roadmap documents.)

CRITERIA

1999 I&I applications will be reviewed against the following five criteria: technical feasibility and innovation, commercialization/market potential, energy savings and associated environmental benefits, statement of work, and applicant capabilities.

FUNDING

This program provides grant awards at two levels, up to \$40,000 or up to \$200,000, depending on the invention's stage of development. Conceptual ideas in the lower stages of development will be eligible for up to \$40,000, while more-developed, mature inventions nearing commercialization will be eligible for up to \$200,000. Total award funding is estimated to be \$2.3 million.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

The 1999 competitive solicitation was issued on May 13, 1999, and will continue through July 30, 1999, with award announcements targeted for December 1999. A copy of the solicitation may be acquired by either visiting the I&I Web site at www.oit.doe.gov/inventions or by contacting the DOE Golden Field Office at (303) 275-4764. You may also request program information by calling the OIT Information Resource Center at (202) 586-2090.



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