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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE USER COUPLED CONFIRMATION DRILLING PROGRAM

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance with respect to the role of UURI and EG&G Idaho, Inc. in their provision of technical assistance to potential User Coupled Confirmation Drilling Program proposers. Care must be exercised to insure that proposal reviewers provided from your organization have not been involved in technical assistance to these same proposers. In order to insure that this is accomplished, please observe the following guidelines:

1. Separate groups for technical assistance and User Coupled Confirmation Drilling Program support should be maintained. If it is determined that an individual on the proposal review committee has been involved in any substantive way with technical assistance provided to a proposer, then that reviewer will be excluded from the review of the proposal. Also of benefit is your present initiative designed to direct requests for assistance through State agencies rather than directly to your organization. This will substantially reduce the potential for conflict.
2. A related issue is the question of the nature of the technical assistance which can be furnished. In providing assistance to potential applicants for this program, you should exercise care that all who request information or assistance are treated equally. Any public information which you have access to which would be helpful to the applicant should be discussed with the proposers and copies furnished when requested. The assistance you offer should stop short of actual writing or passing judgement on what they have written. Of course, do not answer questions which deal with an interpretation of the solicitation.

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Questions on the solicitation should be directed to DOE-ID. Be as helpful to the people preparing the application as you can, but do not do their work in the actual preparation of the proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact me and we can discuss possible resolutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clay Nichols".

C. R. Nichols, Asst. Director
Office of Geothermal Energy

cc: Sue M. Prestwich