REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)  
TECHNICAL POLICY COORDINATOR

The Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects (Agency) is soliciting statements of qualifications and experience for a Technical Policy Coordinator to assist the Agency in overseeing the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Yucca Mountain high-level nuclear waste repository program.

The contract will involve assisting the Agency in monitoring and overseeing DOE’s scientific program intended to support a license application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. Further, it will involve:

• reviewing DOE’s technical documents developed in support of a license application, and reviewing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s technical and regulatory documents developed to support its review of a Yucca Mountain license application;

• recommending strategies for the Agency’s expert technical team’s review and critique of DOE’s supporting models and documentation for a license application, and a license application itself, should one be submitted;

• analyzing and recommending strategies for the State’s participation in the regulatory and licensing process;

• interacting with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies relative to technical and regulatory issues; and

• assisting the Agency in planning and implementing the State’s independent technical studies of issues relevant to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing proceeding for a Yucca Mountain repository.

The contract will be a two year fee-for-service contract beginning on or about January 1, 2008, with provision to renew for an additional two years. Prospective applicants should have an advanced degree in geoscience or related field, a minimum of 20 years experience in a geoscience discipline and government regulatory processes, and an extensive, in-depth knowledge of the Yucca Mountain program. Qualification statements should also include the hourly or daily rate proposed for compensation.
Conflicts of Interest

Applicants must disclose any relationships (past or present) with any U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) departments or contractors; the Nuclear Energy Institute, its predecessor organizations or contractors/affiliates; or other entities affiliated with the commercial nuclear power industry. Applicants with current or past (i.e., the last 6 years) contractual or other ties to the DOE’s Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), DOE’s Yucca Mountain Repository Project (YMP), or any firm/organization that is presently doing or has done work for OCRWM or YMP may not be considered for this solicitation. Decisions as to whether or not conflicts of interest exist will be made solely by the Agency.

Submissions

Applicants must submit a statement of qualifications together with the billing rate being proposed to the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, 1761 E. College Parkway, Suite 118, Carson City, Nevada 89706 (or email to szee@nuc.state.nv.us), by 5pm on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. For questions or inquiries regarding this solicitation, contact Ms. Susan Lynch, Technical Division Administrator or Mr. Robert Loux, Agency Executive Director at 775-687-3744.