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THE COMMUNITY OFFERS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ENERGY SAVING  
AND THE EXPLOITATION OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

The European Commission has issued three calls for tenders for projects in the field of energy saving and the exploitation of alternative energy sources.

- 1) The first<sup>1</sup> of these is for demonstration projects for the building of installations which make use of full scale new equipment, processes or products for saving significant quantities of energy. This can be either by the application of new techniques or by new applications or combinations of existing techniques. Projects fulfilling these criteria can qualify for financial assistance between 25 % and 49 % of the total cost.
- 2) The second<sup>2</sup> concerns demonstration projects relating to the building of installations making use of geothermal energy. These should use new techniques or technologies which may serve to encourage the building of other installations of the same type. An aid of 40 % is envisaged towards the cost of the exploration of the geothermal source, its utilisation and the management of the demonstration.
- 3) The third<sup>3</sup> is for demonstration projects relating to the building of installations making use of liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels. An aid of 40 % is similarly envisaged.

In all cases conditions and procedures for any repayment will be laid down in the contracts to be concluded between the Commission and the project directors.

The issue of these calls for tender follows a Council decision of 12 June 1978<sup>4</sup> and is in accordance with the decision to establish<sup>5</sup> an energy research and development programme taken on 22 August 1975.

Application forms are available with the appropriate issues of the Official Journal listed below and must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 1978.

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|----|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1. | Official Journal No C158 | 4 July 1978  | page 2 |
| 2. | Official Journal No C153 | 29 June 1978 | page 3 |
| 3. | Official Journal No C154 | 30 June 1978 | page 2 |
| 4. | Official Journal No L158 | 16 June 1978 | page 3 |
| 5. | Official Journal No L231 | 2 Sept 1975  | page 1 |