

Section 4

NATIONAL LASER USERS FACILITY NEWS

LLE is negotiating with the Department of Energy for funding for user experiments. In order to minimize the time for obtaining funds, it has been agreed that this year user proposals should be split into two phases: Phase I would cover work preliminary to the actual experiment, that would in general be performed at the user's home institution; Phase II would cover the experiments at the National Laser Users Facility. By splitting proposals in this way it is expected that Phase I user funding will be initiated without waiting for all contract negotiations to be completed.

A meeting was held on February 14, 1980 at LLE at which this change was explained to users whose proposals have been approved by the NLUF steering committee. These users have subsequently submitted Phase I proposals. In addition, the users meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the engineering requirements of each proposal. The constraints imposed by the target chamber and the engineering discipline required at the NLUF were explained to the users. A preliminary schedule for experiments was formulated.