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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER NEPA DETERMINATION



RECIPIENT: Office of the Governor, Nevada State Office of Energy

STATE: NV

PROJECT

TITLE:

Program Year 2012 Formula Grants - State Energy Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000643

DE-EE-0003761

Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number

GFO-0003761-001

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

## CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations

Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

A9 Information and dissemination

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and gathering, analysis, audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

#### Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided \$247,000 of federal funding to the State of Nevada under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Nevada will match the federal funding with \$49,400.26 in state funds. Additionally, Mississippi will carry over 23,723.47 in federal appropriations and \$4,745.28 in state funds, for a total of \$324,869,01.

Nevada proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

## Administration:

Under this Market Title, Nevada would prepare a comprehensive energy plan, update the State's energy emergency plan, and coordinate with other state and federal agencies to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable technologies.

Alternative Fuels, Vehicles and Infrastructure:

Under this Market Title, Nevada would gather data, provide technical assistance to State agencies to facilitate the purchase of alternative fueled vehicles, prepare the State's Petroleum Allocation Rationing Plan and work with other agencies on general transportation issues.

### Codes and Standards:

Under this Market Title, funding would support the implementation of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code through workshops and training sessions.

Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation and Energy Use Profiles:

Under this Market Title, the State would promote renewable energy through outreach and provide technical

ARRA Financing Program-Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund:

Under this Market Title, this loan fund would be carried over from Nevada's DOE's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 State Energy Program. This loan fund will be entering into its second revolution and projects selected under this loan fund will receive individual NEPA review and determinations. This Market Title is conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Based on a review of the unknown activities that would be funded under "ARRA Financing Program-Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund," DOE has conditioned this Market Title pending additional NEPA review. Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under "Administration," "Alternative Fuels, Vehicles and Infrastructure," "Codes and Standards" and "Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation and Energy Use Profiles" Market Titles, DOE has determined the projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact the human environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering," and CX A11 "technical advice."

#### NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Market Title: ARRA Financing Program-Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Market Titles: Administration; Alternative Fuels, Vehicles and Infrastructure; Codes and Standards; Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation and Energy Use Profiles

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist:

Diana Scott 6.25.2012

DOE Funds: \$247,000

Leveraged Funds: \$77,869.01 Total Project Cost: \$324,869.01

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

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FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.

Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO:

Field Office Manager's Signature:

Date:

Field Office Manager