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



RECIPIENT: State of MN Department of Commerce

STATE: MN

**PROJECT TITLE :** State of Minnesota ARRA-EECBG (T)

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| <b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b> | <b>Procurement Instrument Number</b> | <b>NEPA Control Number</b> | <b>CID Number</b> |
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**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:

- A9** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.
- B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

## Rational for determination:

The state of Minnesota's Department of Commerce will administer the EECBG Program for the state of Minnesota. The state of Minnesota's Department of Commerce would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the implementation Minnesota's EECBG Program. All projects under this program are bounded in compliance with the uploaded and signed EECBG Template for Expedited NEPA review.

Any projects that fall outside the scope of the template are conditioned pending further NEPA review.

These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy; therefore they are categorized under CX A9, A11, and B5.1.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Steve Blazek  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/10/2010

**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

The state of Minnesota's Department of Commerce will administer the EIS/EA Program for the state of Minnesota. The state of Minnesota's Department of Commerce would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the implementation Minnesota's EIS/EA Program. All projects under this program are included in compliance with the updated and signed EIS/EA Template for EIS/EA NEPA review.  
 Any projects that fall outside the scope of the template are conditional pending further NEPA review.  
 These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy, therefore they are categorized under CX A8, A11, and B2.1.  
 A8 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, technical surveys, interviews, audits, data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analysis, energy supply, and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document management, publication, and distribution and classroom training and instructional programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring and assessment.  
 A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to governmental, national, state, and local organizations.  
 B2.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy efficiency that do not require the major construction or substantially related activities. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as business owners, consultants, designers, organizations (such as utilities), and state and local government. Covered actions include, but are not limited to, programed lighting of commercial buildings, placement of signs on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvement in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building envelopes or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include retrofits, standards setting, or proposed DOE legislation.

SIGNATURE OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE A RECORD OF THIS DECISION  
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 Date: 3/10/2010  
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 NEPA Compliance Officer