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



RECIPIENT: City of Fort Wayne

STATE: IN

**PROJECT TITLE :** EECBG Fort Wayne, Indiana ARRA-EECBG (S) (SOW for Revised Activity #1 and Activity #3)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000825		0

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:

- 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.
- 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.

## Rational for determination:

The following activities are included in Fort Wayne's signed Statement of Work (SOW) and are therefore categorically excluded from NEPA:

- Activity #1 Expanded Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (former Activity #1 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program)
- Activity #3 Financial Incentive Program – Direct Grant Program (former Activity #3 Financial Incentive Program – Revolving Loan Fund)

Activities that fall outside the bounds of the County's signed SOW will require a separate DOE NEPA review.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

## Note to Specialist :

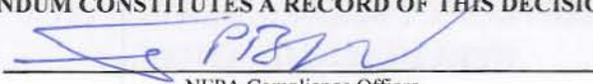
The CX for the above Activity #1 supersedes the previous CX issued with the initial Fort Wayne award (Activity #1 Energy Efficient Retrofits). The City has indicated it will not implement initial Activity #2 (Financial Incentive Programs – Rebate Program) and will transfer those funds (\$502,928) to Activity #1 (to be renamed Expanded Energy Efficiency Retrofits as indicated above) and expand the retrofits that would be performed under that activity. All such Activity #1 retrofit activities are now bound by the City's signed SOW.

The City's initial award included a conditional award for the City's two proposed Financial Incentive Programs (Activity #2 – Rebate Program, and Activity #3 – Revolving Loan Program) requiring further submission by the applicant identifying all activities to be funded. As noted above, the City has indicated it would transfer funds for the Activity #2 Rebate Program into Activity #1 above (Expanded Energy Efficiency Retrofits), therefore the conditional award associated with the Rebate Program would no longer be applicable. The City also indicated it would revise the Revolving Loan Program into a Direct Grant Financial Incentive Program for the same target audience. The City has also bound all activities associated with this Direct Grant Program to their signed SOW, therefore the NEPA condition

initially applied to this activity has been satisfied and is now lifted.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4/23/10

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_