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



RECIPIENT: Columbia County

STATE: OR

PROJECT TITLE : Competitive EECBG Awards - Oregon Coast Regional Transit Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA 0000148	DE-EE0003808		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:

- A1** Routine actions necessary to support the normal conduct of agency business, such as administrative, financial, and personnel actions.
- 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:

Columbia County will use DOE funding under the Competitive EECBG Grant Award for activities that lay groundwork for a regional transit system, gather data and share lessons learned to facilitate similar partnerships across the country. The project's main objective is to reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease petroleum dependence, and mitigate traffic and congestion by making transit a popular option of choice for regional travel. Strategies to be implemented in support of these objectives include:

- Marketing linked transit service as a viable travel option for both recreation and commute trips
- Provide 7-day per week service within the 5-county region
- Improve connections to private transit and other public transit systems to major population centers in the I-5 corridor
- Establish consistent signage and trip planning information for the linked system
- Establish outreach and incentive programs for major employers
- Deploy hybrid-electric vehicles that use petroleum more efficiently

The project will connect 5 individual transit service areas with regional air service, scheduled service by private rail and motor coach carriers and other transportation modes. Implementation of these activities would result in the conservation of transportation fuel. Over 66,000 gallons of fuel are projected to be saved annually. This project will produce a total energy savings projected to be 4,743 MBTU and a CO2 saving of approximately 44 metric tons. The project will also include installation of signs and a number of small kiosks/passenger shelters along the transit routes.

Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds to implement any of the above-mentioned activities, Columbia County has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that it has a waste management plan addressing waste generated by their proposed actions. The plan will describe the plan to dispose of any sanitary or hazardous waste, e.g. construction and demolition debris, old light bulbs, lead ballasts, piping, roofing materials, discarded equipment, debris, asbestos, etc. generated as a result of the proposed project. The recipient must ensure that it will comply with all federal, state and local regulations for waste disposal.

These projects as described above comprise administrative, financial and personnel actions, education, marketing and outreach, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy; therefore they are categorized under CX A1, 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: Jane Summerson Date: 7/20/2010
NEPA Compliance Officer

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