



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:
Innovation Ecosystem Development Initiative

Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA-0000356

Applicant (Legal Name) University of Utah Technology Commercialization Office

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Project Title Energy Innovation Commercialization Center

Proposed Action or Project Description

The project proposes to create an Energy Innovation Commercialization Center at the University of Utah. The scope of work for this project is in two phases: tasks necessary to create the Center and actual commercialization and outreach to other institutions. Specific activities for Phase I for the Center startup include 1) negotiating contract, prepare correspondence, establishing website, meetings, scheduling activities, developing metrics, and designing and creating a database. Phase 2 activities for Center operations include 2) center operations (e.g., completing partnerships, developing assessment protocols, integrating center with available partnering institutions, developing plans, contacting stakeholders, organizing resources, implementing the Evergreen Plan, and developing marketing and outreach plans; 3) center activities (e.g., monthly meetings, monthly website update, monthly metrics review, reports, creating marketing materials, hosting annual conferences, annual reviews); and 4) center sustainability (developing Sustainability Plan, securing commitments from corporate associates, and coordinating implementation with affiliates at the end of the three-year period.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10 21

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

Gary S. Hartman

Date Determined:

9/9/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: