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



**RECIPIENT:** TN Department of Economic and Community Development

**STATE:** TN

**PROJECT TITLE :** State Energy Program

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000643	DE-EE0004298	GFO-0004298-001	

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:

**A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and 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.)

**A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

**Rational for determination:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided \$567,000 of federal funding to the State of Tennessee under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Tennessee will match the federal funding with \$113,400 in state funds. Additionally, Tennessee will carryover \$117,000 in federal appropriations, for a total of \$797,400.

Tennessee proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

**Energy Assurance Planning:**

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support responsibilities under the Tennessee Energy Management Plan. Activities would include emergency planning seminars, maintenance of information relative to the Motor Fuel Contingency Plan, revision of the existing energy assurance plan to incorporate response action to new energy portfolios.

**Energy Efficiency Schools Initiative:**

Under this Market Title, Tennessee would use funding to provide energy management training opportunities, technical assistance and oversight for the Energy Efficiency School Initiative. Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

**Grants Management:**

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support the continuing operation of the SEP activities performed by Tennessee Economic and Community Development personnel.

**Public Education and Outreach:**

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to promote awareness of energy initiatives through presentations, programs, workshops, and outreach material including websites and a toll-free Energy hotline.

**Tennessee Energy Education Network (TEEN):**

Under this Market Title, funding would provide training and support for teachers and other education professionals

involved in K-12 energy programs. Funds would be subgranted to the University of Tennessee 4H program to award up to 76 grants to local 4H programs to provide energy education kits and other materials. Funding would also be used for administrative costs including workshop development, travel and printing costs.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact human health and/or environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering," and CX A11 "technical advice."

Any further projects will require a separate NEPA determination review.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Diana Scott 8.23.2012

DOE Funds: \$567,000  
Leveraged Funds: \$230,400  
Total Project Cost: \$797,400

Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  Date: 8/23/2012  
Electronically Signed By: Lori Gray  
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