

PMC-EF2a

(2010)

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

**RECIPIENT:**Small Wind Certification Council**STATE:** CO**PROJECT TITLE :** Certifying the Performance of Small Wind Turbines

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
Sole Source	DE-EE0000492	GFO-0000492-002	GO492

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:

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations

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

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.)

Rational for determination:

This NEPA determination is being conducted for Budget Period 2 (BP) of this award. BP1 was reviewed and signed in May of 2009. Project activities reviewed in that determination were consistent with those covered under DOE CX A9 and A11.

The Small Wind Certification Council (SWCC) is proposing to use BP2 funding to continue work conducted under BP1, for small turbine outreach/certification, as well as move forward with a new proposed task, 5.0 (subtasks 5.1-5.6), focusing on outreach/certification for mid-sized wind turbines.

Under Task 5, SWCC would develop a program to certify medium wind turbines to the power and acoustic performance requirements of the IEC and work with Standard Development Organizations to develop more comprehensive standards for turbines of that size. Funding would not be used to purchase or construct mid-sized wind turbines, but would be used to certify them under new standards once they are available.

DOE has determined that impacts to the natural and human environment is expected to be negligible and that this project is consistent with actions covered under DOE CX A9 (information gathering, data analysis, document preparation and dissemination, and informational programs) and CX A11 (technical advice and assistance to organizations) and therefore is categorically excluded from further NEPA 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 :

NEPA review completed by Laura Margason on December 26, 2012

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

Joe Jorgensen
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

12/26/2012

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:
