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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY NEPA DETERMINATION



RECIPIENT: Economic Opportunity Studies

STATE: DC

PROJECT

TITLE:

Weatherization Leveraged Partnerships Development Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number

Procurement Instrument Number EE0006302

NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-0006302-001

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 and dissemination

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

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to Economic Opportunity Studies (EOS) to provide consultation, materials and training to assist local weatherization agencies, grantees and their current or potential public sector and private partners in maintaining and expanding the resources they leverage and deliver in coordination with the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) investments.

Project activities would produce tools, training, online reports, templates, and policy models as a result of data analysis. Dissemination of the results would be through written and audio visual products. This project is a training and technical assistance project designed to attract non-federal funding to WAP. The project does not involve work on-site or any modifications to buildings. The primary purpose is to provide web training and assistance to local agencies to attract additional funding to weatherization.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed project would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and A11 "technical advice and assistance to organizations," and 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:

this NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Casey Strickland 9/3/2013

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

U.S. DOE: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - Environmental Question... Page 2 of 2 9/3/2013 Date: NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 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: Field Office Manager