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



RECIPIENT: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc

STATE: NY

PROJECT TITLE : National Network Administrator for GEARED

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000856	DE-EE0006342	GFO-0006342-001	

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:

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.)

Rationale for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide funding to the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC) to create innovative approaches and networking strategies to grow the expertise and preparedness of current and future electric utility sector professionals for high penetrations of solar and other distributed technologies. IREC, along with the Solar Electric Power Association, as the National Network Administrator for GEARED, will help facilitate and support efforts of the Distributed Technology Training Consortia to build a national framework for power systems training and curriculum that will accelerate the growth of power systems programs and human capacity.

Proposed project activities would include planning, paper studies, outreach, classroom training, and information dissemination.

DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions covered under DOE CX A9 (information gathering, dissemination, desktop research and classroom training) and CX A11 (Technical advice and planning assistance to local 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 :

This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Lyndri Ko
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 9/16/2013