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#### PMC-ND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (1.08.09.13) OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY NEPA DETERMINATION

### **RECIPIENT:**Consortium for Energy Efficiency

### STATE: MA

PROJECT Meeting Growing Energy Efficiency Challenges By Supporting the Program Administrator Industry TITLE :

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-0006367-001 DNFA DE-EE0006367

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

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 and dissemination (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:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) to support and enhance development of consistent strategies that would reduce energy use, improve national energy security, reduce demand for fossil fuels, create jobs, reduce pollution, and lower energy bills for the nation's consumers.

CEE proposes to leverage national resources in order to advance a whole-house program strategy for the transformation of the existing homes retrofit market; shift the traditional program design from equipment replacement programs to transformative programs; accelerate Industrial Energy Management (IEM); and build a national library for efficiency program information. This is an outreach and education project aimed at the EE Program Administrators in the United States. The proposed project would include education, information dissemination and outreach activities only.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed activities would have no individual or cumulative impact to human health, safety and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, analysis and dissemination," and is therefore 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. Review completed by Rebecca McCord 08/11/2014.

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

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NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

REpectronically Signed By: Lori Gray/Lou May NEPA Compliance Offiger Date:

8/11/2014

### 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:

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