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



RECIPIENT: State Energy Program

STATE: Mult

PROJECT TITLE : FY 14 STATE ENERGY PROGRAM COMPETITIVE AWARDS

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0001073	DE-FOA-0001073	GFO-0001073-001	

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:

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| 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. |

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy administers the State Energy program (SEP) as authorized by Title III, Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The goal of the SEP is to provide leadership to maximize the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy through communications and outreach activities, technology deployment, and accessing new partnerships and resources.

The scope of work under the following topic areas would include but would not be limited to:

Area of Interest 1 - State Energy Planning

Under this topic area, States would identify the extent to which they already use energy efficiency and renewable energy as part of their energy resource mix and future plans; establish a dialogue among the different State agencies with purview over the energy sector to develop a coordinated vision for energy planning that can help meet state policy goals, support electric reliability and comply with environmental standards; establish a stakeholder engagement process including utilities to obtain their input on electric power sector planning; and develop a roadmap for implementing a preferred set of solutions related to the electric power sector and natural gas supply and transport, with milestones set for 2020 and 2025.

Area of Interest 2 - Innovative Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices

Under this topic area, States would address ways to advance residential, commercial and/or industrial markets for energy efficiency and renewable energy through a set of policy and regulatory actions within a portfolio of six possible transformative areas. As a requirement of this FOA, States would perform a State Energy Assessment to determine which one(s) of the six transformative areas provide the best potential for making significant progress in overcoming barriers and achieving implementation of policies, legislation, regulatory changes and other catalyzing actions to increase adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies in their jurisdictions. Activities to be undertaken would include collaborations that need to occur with key stakeholders (e.g., other policy-makers, utilities, business and industry groups, and other key actors) and implementation of projects that could be used by other States as a model that identifies a solution to a key barrier to energy efficiency or renewable energy deployment and provides a step-by-step detailed approach the State(s) took to create a replicable and sustainable solution, including the development of - or changes to - policies, processes, outreach efforts, and tools/resources.

Based on a review of the above and the activities funded by DE-FOA-0001073, DOE has determined that the proposed activities do not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the human environment. Therefore,

DOE is categorically excluding DE-FOA-0001073 from further NEPA review under DOE CX's A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and A11 "technical advice and assistance to organizations."

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Construction; implementing or paying directly for energy efficient retrofits; implementing or paying for renewable energy projects; repair of buildings or structures; purchase of land, buildings or structures; purchase of equipment to conduct research, development or demonstration of energy efficiency or renewable energy techniques and technologies; field work activities; and laboratory operations.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Information gathering, dissemination, analysis, technical advice and assistance.

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:

The State is responsible for informing DOE of any extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts, or connected actions that may lead to significant impacts on the environment, or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 C.F.R. Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to a particular Project.

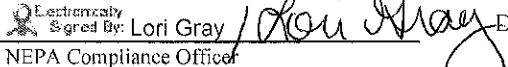
States shall comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). If applicable, the State shall contact the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and/or the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO).

Note to Specialist :

State Energy Program

NEPA review completed by Logan Sholar on 10/7/2014.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Lori Gray Date: 10/7/2014
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