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



RECIPIENT: Salt Lake City Corporation

STATE: UT

PROJECT

TITLE:

Wasatch Solar Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0001071

DE-EE0006903

Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-0006903-001

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 Salt Lake City Corporation for the development, publishing, and dissemination of four white papers that outline actionable, aggressive, long-term solar photovoltaic deployment plans for Utah's Wasatch Region and that address immediate barriers necessary to advance Utah's nascent solar market.

The proposed activities include the 1) completion of a net energy metering data analysis, 2) development of a10-year Solar Deployment Plan, 3) creation of a model solar deployment strategy for emergency preparedness in the health care industry and 4) development of guidelines and an implementation plan for a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program for Utah. The proposed project would be limited exclusively to intellectual, academic, or analytical activities and would use no physical materials beyond basic office supplies and software.

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 that this project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and A11 "Technical advice and assistance to organizations" 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:

Solar Energy Technologies Office This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision. Review completed by Rebecca McCord, 12/09/2014

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 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: Date: _ Field Office Manager's Signature: Field Office Manager