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



RECIPIENT:U.S. Department of Energy (on behalf of all Awardees)

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : U.S. Department of Energy Collegiate Entrepreneurship Prize

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
TBD FOA	TBD FOA	GFO-FY15DOECEFPOA-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 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.)
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Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) proposing to release a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeking applicants to administer the U.S. Department of Energy Collegiate Entrepreneurship Prize (DOE CEP).

The DOE CEP is aiming to advance four goals:

- (1) Catalyzing clean energy start-up formation on college campuses;
- (2) Supporting novel training and educational opportunities to equip the next generation of energy entrepreneurs and innovators across the country;
- (3) Establishing a national-level prize and training program for the America's top clean energy student entrepreneurs; and
- (4) Creating a sustained and diverse ecosystem and network to support student entrepreneurs.

To accomplish these goals, the DOE CEP is proposing to provide funding through the FOA in two topic areas: (1) a national organization to serve as a coordinating body for clean energy student entrepreneurs and run a national-level competition for top student start-ups; and (2) support for collegiate-focused competitions across the United States that award cash prizes and provide innovative training and educational programs that equip students with business and commercialization skills. The national and regional competitions would provide student teams with professional networks, a mentorship program, education services, and media exposure to selected prize winners. DOE would have no involvement in any projects resulting from the prize competition.

All of the activities funded through this FOA (in both topic areas) would be limited to outreach, education, document preparation, data gathering and dissemination of information. As such, DOE has determined that issuing the proposed FOA and providing financial assistance would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or the environment. DOE has determined that all awards funded through the FOA would be consistent with CX A9 (information gathering) and are 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 :

Office of Strategic Programs

This NEPA determination applies to all awards made through the DOE Collegiate Entrepreneurship Prize FOA. This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Kristin Kerwin 12.22.2014

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____



Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin

NEPA Compliance Officer

Kristin Kerwin

Date: _____

12/22/2014

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: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____