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



RECIPIENT:USDA Forest Service

STATE: DC

PROJECT TITLE : Constructing Ongoing National Strategy for Energy Reduction with Validated Efficiency (CONSERVE)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number  
DE-FOA-1574Procurement Instrument Number  
DE-EE0007889NEPA Control Number CID Number  
GFO-0007889-001

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.)

**Rationale for determination:**

The Department of Energy is proposing to provide funding to the USDA Forest Service (USFS) in support of the Constructing Ongoing National Strategy for Energy Reduction with Validated Efficiency (CONSERVE) project. USFS is proposing to establish a process to effectively utilize the ENABLE-ESPC contract and identify a pipeline of 10 or more candidate energy savings projects to implement with the newly created ENABLE-ESPC process. The project would be conducted in two phases with a go/no go decision point in between the phases. This NEPA determination applies to Phase 1 activities only.

In Phase 1, USFS would establish a process to effectively utilize the ENABLE-ESPC contract within a six-month time period and identify a pipeline of 10 or more candidate energy savings projects. Phase 1 consists only of the development and documentation of an efficient ENABLE-ESPC process and identification of a pipeline of candidate energy efficiency projects.

Additional project specific DOE NEPA review is required prior to USFS initiating any Phase 2 activities.

Based on the review of the proposal, DOE has determined that Phase 1(Budget Period 1) fits within the class of action(s) and the integral elements of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021 outlined in the DOE categorical exclusion(s) selected above. DOE has also determined that: (1) there are no extraordinary circumstances (as defined by 10 CFR 1021.410(2)) related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; (2) the proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion; and (3) the proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts, related to other proposals with cumulatively significant actions, or an improper interim action. Phase 1 (Budget Period 1) is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**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:

Phase 2 (Budget Period 2) - Implementation of Projects

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Phase 1 (Budget Period 1) - Establishment of a Process for ENABLE-ESPC

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.

Note to Specialist :

Federal Energy Management Program

This NEPA determination requires a tailored NEPA provision.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Signed By: Kristin Kerwin

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 3/27/2017

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_