U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EECBG-EERE/RW

Project Title: Hancock County EECS

Location: Maine Hancock County

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The Count of Hancock strategy focuses on one EECBG project activity "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities." The EECBG project activity will support our existing energy efficiency strategy efforts to reduce energy consumption and emissions.
Phase 1 - Strategic Plan: Perform screening processes designed to identify those buildings and facilities most likely to yield increases in energy efficiency and conservation. The screening process will include review of annual oil/electric utility expenses and will report the results as BTU/SF/YR and $/SF/Yr. Savings achieved will be of direct benefit to county tax payers who currently support approximately 80% of the county budget.
Phase 2 - Energy Audit: Complete detailed survey analyses for each individual building identified in Phase 1 as having the highest potential for energy savings to determine which is the best candidate or candidates for the Feasibility Energy Study.
Phase 3 - Energy Retrofit: Complete a feasibility energy study for the best candidate or candidates for energy savings. The study will recommend improvements to obtain the best energy savings.
Phase 4 - Finalize retrofit package and select contractors

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B1.2 Training exercises and simulation

X - B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene Lawrence Digitally signed by Othalene Lawrence DN: cn=Othalene Lawrence, o=OIBMS, ou=EE-3C, email=Othalene.Lawrence@ee.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.04.27 12:46:30 -07'00' Date Determined: Apr 27, 2010

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=U.S. Department of Energy, ou=EERE, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.04.29 12:25:18 -04'00'

The applicant will inform DOE of any retrofits, outside of those documented in the Strategy and Activity Worksheets, to ensure that the existing NEPA determinations remain valid for other proposed retrofit projects not currently identified.

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