
STATE: NY

PROJECT TITLE: Integration of Solar Training into Allied Industry Professional Development Platforms  

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: DE-FOA-0001329  
Procurement Instrument Number: DE-EE0007323  
NEPA Control Number: GFO-0007323-001  
CID Number:  

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 (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  

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC) to coordinate and develop resources and training targeted for code official, inspection, firefighting, and financial sectors in order to enable the growth of the solar energy industry.

Activities associated with the proposed project would include identification of key metrics, creation of validation questionnaires, tracking, reporting and analysis of project data and metrics, technology support, integration of content into partner learning management systems, creation of a 3D interactive course which tours a photovoltaic system, data analysis, analytical reviews, data dissemination and paper studies. Training would be delivered in the form of workshops, conference sessions, articles in trade publications, blended and distance learning, and online 3D interactive simulations. The proposed project 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.”

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 Technology Office  
This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.
SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: ____________________________
NEPA Compliance Officer
Date: 12/22/2015

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: ____________________________