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



RECIPIENT: Fort Campbell, KY.

STATE: KY

PROJECT TITLE:

Fort Campbell HEDS + Integrated EMS to Reduce Mold, Corrosion, Energy + Water Waste, 2143-1523

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002143

Procurement Instrument Number DE-EE0009037

NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-0009037-001

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and

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 dissemination informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy or water

(a) Actions to conserve energy or water, demonstrate potential energy or water conservation, and promote energy efficiency that would not have the potential to cause significant changes in the indoor or outdoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, manufacturers, and designers), organizations (such as utilities), and governments (such as state, local, and tribal). Covered actions include, but are not limited to weatherization (such as insulation and replacing windows and doors); programmed lowering of thermostat settings; placement of timers on hot water heaters; installation or replacement of energy efficient lighting, low-flow plumbing fixtures (such as faucets, toilets, and showerheads), heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, and appliances; installation of drip-irrigation systems; improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings; efficiency improvements for vehicles and transportation (such as fleet changeout); power storage (such as flywheels and batteries, generally less than 10 megawatt equivalent); transportation management systems (such as traffic signal control systems, car navigation, speed cameras, and automatic plate number recognition); development of energy-efficient manufacturing, industrial, or building practices; and small-scale energy efficiency and conservation research and development and small-scale pilot projects. Covered actions include building renovations or new structures, provided that they occur in a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions could involve commercial, residential, agricultural, academic, institutional, or industrial sectors. Covered actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation, except for those actions listed in B5.1(b) of this appendix. (b) Covered actions include rulemakings that establish energy conservation standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, provided that the actions would not: (1) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure (such as construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance); (2) involve significant unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (such as rare or limited raw materials); (3) have the potential to result in a significant increase in the disposal of materials posing significant risks to human health and the environment (such as RCRA hazardous wastes); or (4) have the potential to cause a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region.

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to the US Army at Fort Campbell (Fort Campbell, Kentucky) to reduce energy and water waste.

Fort Campbell is an army post in Kentucky that contains 58 barrack facilities. The goal of the proposed project is to upgrade Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment found in the barracks, utilizing High Efficiency Dehumidification System (HEDS) technology.

The project would include design, development, fabrication, performance demonstration and field testing of advanced, energy efficient, low maintenance and resilient Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment, intended to eliminate HVAC-caused mold growth and corrosion. This would be accomplished through the use of a Utility Energy Service Contract (UESC). The UESC would be designed so that the energy savings and cost offsets would fund system repairs and upgrades.

The project goal would be to upgrade all 58 barrack units. Work would include installation of HVAC equipment inside the existing buildings, usually within an existing HVAC control room. Modifications would be made to the interior of the barrack units necessary to install the upgraded HVAC systems. HVAC equipment would be approximately 7' H x 8' W x 18' L. Some facilities which do not have appropriate interior control rooms would require a new concrete pad approximately 10'W and 22' L, which would be poured in a previously disturbed grass area adjacent to the barrack building.

Because Fort Campbell is part of a Federal agency it is required to comply with NEPA for this project. This would include completing an environmental review for the project including any necessary consultations and geotechnical or other surveys prior to a decision whether to proceed. If Fort Campbell proceeds with the proposed project after their NEPA review they would be required to obtain all necessary permits and follow appropriate environment, health and safety measures. Fort Campbell must provide its final NEPA determination(s) to their DOE FEMP Technical Project Officer or point of contact.

This DOE grant is a secondary funding source for this project and comprises approximately 16% of total project funding. Primary funding will come from Fort Campbell.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Include the following condition in the financial assisstance agreement:

The Recipient is a Federal agency and is also required to comply with NEPA. When the Recipient has completed its NEPA review process for the proposed project, the Recipient will provide its final NEPA determination(s) to their DOE FEMP Technical Project Officer or point of contact.

Notes:

Federal Energy Management Program
This NEPA determination does require a tailored NEPA provision.
Review completed by Roak Parker, 5/20/2020

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

Field Office Manager

Field Office Manager's Signature:

Date: