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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION**



(20402)

RECIPIENT: Mississippi Technology Alliance

STATE: MS

PROJECT TITLE : Strategic Biomass Solutions

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
CDP	DE-FG36-05GO85002	GFO-07-043c	GO85002

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, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide federal funds to support feasibility studies, non-experimental studies, and support activities geared to enable private sector entities to develop business plans and provide assistance in obtaining private capital for developing startup companies engaged in renewable energy.

Tasks to be conducted under this FY10 award would include:

- Task 1.0 Business case analysis of potential renewable energy projects, technologies, and feedstocks;
- Task 2.0 Renewable Energy Venture Development Coaching;
- Task 3.0 Regional Biomass Feedstock Development Education;
- Task 4.0 Biomass Feedstock Transportation Logistics;
- Task 5.0 Leverage other MTA programs; and
- Task 6.0 Project Management and Reporting (Phase 1 and Phase 2)

All proposed activities include data gathering, dissemination, data validation and computer based modeling. All activities will take place in an office environment; therefore CX A9 applies.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Kristin Kerwin
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 8/25/2010