U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities

Location: Michigan Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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

The Tribe proposes to utilize its EECBG allocation support the costs of providing the architectural and engineering design services necessary to ensure a proposed 45,000 square foot municipal headquarters building known as the "Governmental Center" will be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified facility. The new facility will consolidate many Tribal functions at a single location. In addition to anticipated energy savings through LEED design standards, consolidating Tribal government operations into one building will result in a great deal of cost savings, reduced energy and water consumption, and improved operational efficiencies that will benefit the Tribal citizenry.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

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

*-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: Jane Summerson Date Determined: Nov 2, 2009

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland

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