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(2010)

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



RECIPIENT: Midwest Renewable Energy Association

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : A Partnership Model to Build Solar Training Capacity in the Midwest

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| Funding Opportunity Announcement Number | Procurement Instrument Number | NEPA Control Number | CID Number |
| DE-FOA-0000078 | DE-EE0002089 | GFO-10-092 | 0 |

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.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The Midwest Renewable Energy Association will be using ARRA funding to organize a network of Solar PV and SHC instructors, installers, engineers, administrators, and other industry stakeholders to create and share instructional resources.

Phase 1 activities will include curriculum development, instructor trainings, development of teaching modules, planning and designing a future training lab, and web design development.

Phases 2-5 will not be funded by ARRA and will involve hands-on lab work and development and field work at locations unspecified at this time. There is not enough information for these phases to make a NEPA determination at this time.

Phase 1 (budget period 1/tasks 1-6) will involve information gathering, curriculum development and technical advice to local entities; therefore a CX A9 and A11 apply.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Phases 2, 3, 4, and 5 (all tasks)

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Phase 1/Budget period 1 (tasks 1-6)

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:

Submit an additional EF1 that address all activities under phases 2-5, including but not limited to laboratory operations and curriculum and training directed solar PV and SHC installations.

Note to Specialist :

This project requires NEPA conditions be placed on all tasks under Budget Period/Phases 2-5. NEPA recommends that these projects be placed on ASAP approval. Only Phase 1 ARRA funded work is allowable at this time pending additional information and review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: [Signature]
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 1/21/10

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: _____