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



RECIPIENT: City of Madison

STATE: WI

**PROJECT TITLE :** MadiSUN – Building a Green Capital City

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000078	DE-EE0002078	GFO-10-060	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:

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

The City of Madison would use DOE funding to develop a Community Solar System ownership program, target marketing solar to businesses, and develop a Solar Business Center.

Activities would include developing feasibility models for the city; developing regulatory practices; establishing marketing plans; developing a solar computer database; conducting promotional events; creating training materials on solar technology; developing and promoting solar business models; conducting solar assessments; and planning for the development and construction of a Solar Business Center.

Additional tasks under this award discuss installation of a solar system and development and construction of a Solar Business Center. These tasks do not have sufficient information to complete a NEPA review and will need to be conditioned as part of their award.

The remaining tasks involve information gathering, dissemination, outreach, and computer modeling activities; 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/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Development of Community Solar System Ownership Tasks - YEAR 2, Task 4.0 (Select installer, apply for incentives, permits collect funding from investors, Install system, etc)

Formation of a Solar Business Center Tasks – all tasks in Years 1 and 2

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, any solar system installation; site prep, final design, earth moving and construction in relation to the proposed Solar Business Center building.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Development of Community Solar System Ownership Tasks – all tasks (except year 2, task 4)

Target Marketing Solar to Businesses tasks – all tasks for year 1 and 2

Project Management and Reporting – all tasks

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 with information pertaining to any solar system installation and construction activities for the Solar Business Center.

Note to Specialist :

This project contains tasks that cannot be reviewed under NEPA due to insufficient information and those tasks are thus conditioned. NEPA recommends this project be placed on ASAP approval.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer 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:

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Field Office Manager

Date:

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