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



(2010)

RECIPIENT: City of Tucson

STATE: AZ

PROJECT TITLE : Tucson Solar Initiative Phase II

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000078	DE-EE0002082	GFO-10-161	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 City of Tucson will use DOE ARRA funding to implement three Special Projects that involve key stakeholders, utilities and private partners.

These three projects and activities include:

1. Identify and utilize all possible sources of solar funds: develop and implement financing mechanisms for solar systems on city facilities, including Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs), Power Purchase Agreements (PPA), Buy America Bonds (BAB), New Market Tax Credits and partnership flipping;
2. Integrate solar into planning and green building initiatives: coordinate planning and permitting staff to integrate solar and solar-ready requirements into green building certification processes and long range city infrastructure planning.
3. Establish and operate a Solar One-Stop (educational clearinghouse): establish and maintain a central clearinghouse that provides education, information and referral services for consumers, businesses and the solar industry, including training opportunities and permitting assistance.

Activities as part of these special projects will involve informational gathering, planning, dissemination, and technical advice to the public and industry partners; therefore a CX A9 and A11 apply.

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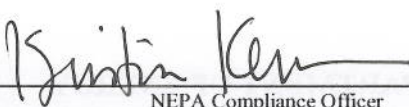
DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

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: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/1/2010

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: _____