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



RECIPIENT: State Energy Office, NC Department of Commerce

STATE: NC

PROJECT TITLE : Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Programs ARRA-EECBG (T)

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| Funding Opportunity Announcement Number | Procurement Instrument Number | NEPA Control Number | CID Number |
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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.
- B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

North Carolina's Department of Commerce will administer the EECBG Program for the state of North Carolina. North Carolina's Department of Commerce would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the following two activities: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Buildings - Non-entitlement Cities and Counties; and EE and RE for Buildings - K-12 School Districts, Community Colleges, Local Public Authority. All projects under these programs are bounded in compliance with the uploaded and signed EECBG Template for Expedited NEPA review.

Any projects that fall outside the scope of the template are conditioned pending further NEPA review.

These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy; therefore they are categorized under CX A9, A11, and B5.1.

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: _____

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NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

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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: _____ Date: _____

 Field Office Manager

Based on my review of the information submitted for this project under the NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) process, I have made the following determination:

CE: EA, EIS, APPLICABLE AND NUMBER:

EA: Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature survey, inventory, audit, data analysis, including computer modeling, document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and assessment (including, but not limited to, document review, prediction, and distribution and classroom testing and information program), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

EIS: Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may include financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as private, owner, contractor, designer), organizations (such as utility, and state and local government), Government actions include, but are not limited to, programmatic testing of thermostat settings, placement of fans on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements to generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The action could involve building renovation or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include remaining, standard settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

A11: Technical advice and planning assistance to municipal, national, state, and local organizations.

North Carolina Department of Commerce will administer the EBCOG Program for the state of North Carolina. North Carolina's Department of Commerce would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the following two activities: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Buildings - Non-entitlement Class and Council, and EE and RE for Buildings - K-12 School District, Community College, Local Public Authority. All projects under these programs are located in compliance with the updated and signed EBCOG Template for Expedited NEPA review.

Any projects that fall outside the scope of the template are conditioned pending further NEPA review.

These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy, therefore they are categorized under CE A11, and B2.1.

NEPA PROVISION:

(X)E has made a final NEPA determination for this work.

()E has the following language in the work:

None specified.

None Given.

NEPA COMPLIANCE OFFICER SIGNATURE: _____

 NEPA Compliance Officer