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



RECIPIENT: The County of Luzerne

STATE: PA

PROJECT TITLE : Luzerne County (PA), EECS, All Activities -- ARRA-EECBG (S)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013			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:

- 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.
- 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 County of Luzerne will administer the EECBG Program for the county. The County of Luzerne would use DOE funding for implementation the county's EECBG Program. All of the counties activities are bounded in compliance with the uploaded and signed Statement of Work for Expedited NEPA review:

Any projects that fall outside the scope of the Statement of Work 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: Steve Blazek  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/10/2010

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Office Manager

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 481.1-A), I have made the following determination:

**CC, EA, EIS NUMBER AND NUMBER:**

**AE.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate priority 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 business owners, developers, designers, organizations (such as utilities), and state and local government. Covered actions include, but are not limited to, programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of fans to not water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvement in generator efficiency and replacement of energy-efficient manufacturing or development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building retrofits or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sector. These actions do not include retrofits, standard settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

**AE** Information gathering including, but not limited to, literature survey, inventories, audits, data analysis (including computer modeling), economic evaluation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and development (including, but not limited to, document writing, publication, and distribution and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

**AE.1** Technical advice and planning assistance to transitional, national, state, and local organizations.

Based on this information, the County of Luzerne will administer the EIS/EA Program for the county. The County of Luzerne would use DOE funding for implementation of the county's EIS/EA Program. All of the county's activities are bounded in compliance with the colored and signed Statement of Work for Expedited NEPA review.

Any project that falls outside the scope of the Statement of Work are conditionally pending further NEPA review.

These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy, therefore they are categorized under CE AE, AE.1, and AE.2.

**NEPA REVIEW:**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this project.

Insert the following language in the work:

None to Specific

None Given

SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/10/2010

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

Field Office Manager review required