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



RECIPIENT: Vermont Department of Public Service

STATE: VT

**PROJECT TITLE :** State of Vermont ARRA -EECBG Local Government Sub Grants RFP (T)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000859		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.
- 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:

Vermont's Department of Public Service will administer the EECBG Program for the state of Vermont. Vermont's Department of Public Service would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the implementation Vermont's EECBG Program. All projects under this program 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: Steve Blazek  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/9/2010

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

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

**CE/EIS ATTENDANCE AND NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BB.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate superior energy conservation, and promote energy efficiency that do not increase the interior 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 government. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmatic 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 must involve building retrofits or new buildings in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include retrofits, standard settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

**AA.1** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

**AA.2** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits, data analysis (including computer modeling), document evaluation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply, and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document meetings, publication, and distribution and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

**NEPA PROVISIONS**  
 DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award.  
 from the following language in the award:  
 NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEPA Compliance Officer

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 AA.1, and BB.1.

Yemen's Department of Public Service will administer the EECBG Program for the state of Yemen. Yemen's Department of Public Service would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the implementation. Yemen's EECBG Program. All projects under this program are awarded in compliance with the updated and signed EECBG Template for Expedited NEPA review.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEPA Compliance Officer

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**