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



RECIPIENT: City of St. Louis

STATE: MO

PROJECT TITLE : Public Commuter Bike Station (& Cycling Initiative)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000759.002		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.

Rational for determination:

The City of Saint Louis would facilitate the development and operation of an environmentally-friendly commuter bicycle station with the City's urban core, along with the installation of urban exterior bike racks and improvements to existing bike lanes throughout the city.

The City would execute a 10-year lease of 1,940 sq ft on the first floor of an existing office building at 1001 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63101 to establish the bike station. The building's owner, Loftworks, LLC, would perform the interior modifications to the facility. EECBG funds would specifically be used to fund the purchase and installation of bike racks and lockers within the facility. The City would also fund the cost of staffing, overhead, and technical consulting to be administered by the nonprofit Downtown Saint Louis Foundation, Inc. to conduct ongoing operation of the facility over the program's first three years.

Additionally, the City would install 15 multi-functional bike racks around the downtown urban center, and would perform repainting and/or surface treatment applications (pre-formed decals) as needed to 70 miles of existing bike lanes located throughout the city.

The subject building that will house the bicycle station is located on the National Registry of Historic Places and identified as the Farm and Home Savings and Loan Association. The building owner utilized state and federal historic tax credits to help finance the overall building rehabilitation, with federal approval taking place in August 2008. The building owner has indicated that any additional work to complete interior spaces in the building, both retail and office, will not impact the historic tax credit applications as the work will conform to National Park Service Standards for Rehabilitation. The City has indicated that the only project-related modifications expected on the exterior of the building are signage for the public and private facilities, and that the signage will be reviewed by the City's Cultural Resources Office to ensure that it is compatible with the historic character of the structure.

Establishment of the bicycle commuter station and the associated enhancements to the City's existing biking infrastructure would promote and encourage bicycle usage in lieu of vehicle usage thereby decreasing fuel consumption and green house gas emissions. This activity is there categorically excluded under NEPA under CX A11 and CX B5.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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You are required to:

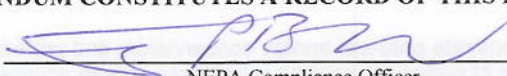
Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds to implement development and operation of the commuter bicycle station described above, the RECIPIENT has the affirmative responsibility to ensure compliance with Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The RECIPIENT must retain documentation that confirms renovation/rehabilitation activities performed to accommodate the proposed bicycle station were in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. Supporting documents will be reviewed by the DOE as part of its post-award monitoring.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:



NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

4/7/10

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:

Field Office Manager

Date:
