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



RECIPIENT: Snohomish County

STATE: WA

PROJECT TITLE : Transportation Demand Management on 164th S/128th SW/20th SE

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000850		EE0

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:

- 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.
- 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.

Rational for determination:

Snohomish County, Washington proposes to use \$250,000 of EECBG funds for the development and implementation of a multi-year transportation demand management (TDM) education and outreach program. The purpose of this program is to promote the use of transportation alternatives to driving alone during the peak commute periods by targeting residents and employers that are open to using commute alternatives.

Primary goals of TDM program are to decrease traffic congestion, increase travel speed, and provide greater mode choice on three county arterial corridors. The program will encourage the use of vanpooling, carpooling, walking, and biking during peak use periods.

Implementation of the TDM program will be consistent with Snohomish County's adopted Transportation Element of the Snohomish County Growth Management Comprehensive Plan. The TDM program proposes no on-the-ground physical disturbance of the built and natural environment.

A pilot TDM program performed in 2008 in Snohomish County found an average of 50 daily peak hour automobile trips switched from single to double occupancy vehicles and approximately 90 percent of the participants stated they intend to continue using their new transportation mode after the end of the pilot program.

Based on this information, this action is categorically excluded under CX number B 5.1, Actions to Conserve Energy, A11, Technical Advice and Planning, and A9, Information gathering, data analysis, document preparation, and dissemination.

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: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 4/15/10

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: _____