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



RECIPIENT: City of Saint Paul

STATE: MN ✓

PROJECT  
TITLE : Commercial & Industrial Building Energy Efficiency

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| <b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b> | <b>Procurement Instrument Number</b> | <b>NEPA Control Number</b> | <b>CID Number</b> |
| DOE-FOA000013                                  | DE-EE0000755                         |                            | 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:

- 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.
- 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:

The City of St. Paul would sub grant EECBG funds to the Saint Paul Port Authority's (the industrial economic redevelopment arm of the City of Saint Paul) Trillion BTU Energy Efficiency Improvement Program. The Port Authority would use the funds to design, finance, and install energy efficient improvements in commercial and industrial facilities.

All work performed would occur in or on existing buildings and energy-using equipment and includes lighting improvements, HVAC modifications and replacements, controls systems improvement or expansion, exterior envelope modifications, motor and pump efficiency improvements, and process heat modifications or replacements. No new construction, expansion or preparatory work for new construction will be permitted.

The State of Minnesota – Department of Commerce received a NEPA categorical exclusion determination for the same sub grant activity for the Market Title: Commercial and Industrial under NEPA Control Number GFO-09-157-003. The SEP approval included grants for the installation of a number of Renewable Energy technologies. The Saint Paul activity is limited to the above described energy efficiency improvements and does not include similar RE grants.

In the performance of work in all program areas, grantees will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and standards, including but not limited to the handling, storage, transportation and disposal of waste. If a grantee proposes work that may affect an historic property or archaeological resource listed in or determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the grantee will be required to comply with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

These projects comprise information gathering 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:   
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 4/9/10

**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: \_\_\_\_\_