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



RECIPIENT: City of Laredo

STATE: TX

**PROJECT****TITLE :**

City of Laredo, Texas ARRA-EECBG Health Dept. HVAC Retrofit/Upgrade &amp; RLF Fund (S)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
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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:

The city of Laredo, Texas would use DOE funds for the following activities which are bounded by the signed SOW and are therefore categorically excluded under NEPA:

Activity 5: Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund  
Activity 7: City of Laredo Health Department HVAC Retrofit/Upgrade

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW will require a separate NEPA determination review.

**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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office Manager

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 401.1A), I have made the following determination:

**CATEGORY AND NUMBER:**

Category:

8.1 Action to conserve energy, enhance energy conservation, and promote energy efficiency that do not increase the amount of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as utilities, owners, contractors, designers, organizations (such as utilities), and state and local government). Covered actions include, but are not limited to, equipment testing or replacement, lighting, placement of energy efficient lighting, installation of water hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and equipment efficiency testing, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and technical energy research and development and other projects. The actions must involve building retrofits or new structures to commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include retrofits, standard retrofits, or proposed DOE legislation.

8.2 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations. Information gathering (including but not limited to, technical surveys, workshops, webinars, data analysis (including computer modeling), document production (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analysis energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including but not limited to, document analysis, publication, and distribution and customizing and information gathering) but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

National for determination: The City of Laredo, Texas would use DOE funds for the following activities which are bounded by the signed SOW and are therefore categorically excluded under NEPA:

- Activity 1: Energy Efficiency Reviewing Loan Fund
- Activity 2: City of Laredo Health Department HVAC Retrofits

Any projects submitted for EIS/EIS funding that fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW will require a separate NEPA determination review.

**NEPA DETERMINATION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for the action.

Insert the following language in the report:

Part 10 Specific:

None Given

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

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

Field Office Manager review required