U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EECBG-EERE/RW

Project Title: Climate Protection and Energy Strategy

Location: Massachusetts City of Holyoke

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

Hiring consultant/s to assist the City in developing the EECS. The City will utilize funding to conduct the following in order of highest priority identification from the EECS: energy retrofits based on completed energy audits, implementation of conservation measures, and/or new energy audits ant any City facility. The anticipated retrofit activities are covered under a separate NEPA determination.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene Lawrence Digitally signed by Othalene Lawrence DN: cn=Othalene Lawrence, o=OIBMS, ou=EE-3C, email=Othalene.Lawrence@ee.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.04.19 18:05:01 -07'00' Date Determined: Apr 19, 2010

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=U.S. Department of Energy, ou=EERE, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.04.20 09:49:30 -04'00'

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