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



RECIPIENT: City of St. Petersburg

STATE: FL

PROJECT TITLE : EECBG City of St. Petersburg - Commercial Energy Efficiency Audit Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000780		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:

Project Activity #1 Commercial Energy Efficiency Audit Program is bounded by the County's signed Statement of Work (SOW) and is therefore categorically excluded under NEPA.

The following activities were included in the City's signed SOW but were previously categorically excluded under NEPA with the initial award:

- Activity #2 Development and Implementation of Transportation Programs (initial Waste Stream clause)
- Activity #3 Energy Conservation Measures (initial Waste Stream and SHPO clauses)
- Activity #4 Traffic Signals and Street Lighting (initial Waste Stream and SHPO clauses)
- Activity #5 Midcore Parking Garage lighting Retrofit (initial Waste Stream and SHPO clauses)
- Activity #7 Solar Water Heaters (initial Waste Stream and SHPO clauses)

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of the County's 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 :

In the City's initial award the above activity had the following conditional language:

"Should businesses receive financial assistance to complete activities suggested in an audit, prohibited actions include: Recipient is restricted from distributing Federal funds pending: (1) further submission by Recipient specifically identifying all activities authorized under this Program; and (2) a final NEPA determination from DOE regarding those activities.

This restriction does not preclude Recipient from: conducting assessments, studies, and audits; developing strategies; and engaging in other administrative work related to the establishment of this Program."

This NEPA approval lifts any prohibition on utilizing EECBG funds to implement audit findings as such activities are now bounded by the City's signed SOW.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 4/20/2010
NEPA Compliance Officer

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