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



RECIPIENT: BISON GEAR &amp; ENG

STATE: IL

PROJECT TITLE : HYPOID GEAR MOTOR PLATFORM

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	EE0000119		EE119

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.

## Rational for determination:

The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity will provide \$1,077,802 in Recovery Act funds to Bison Gear & Engineering (Bison) to purchase equipment to manufacture energy efficient gears. The equipment is a hypoid gear motor platform that will be installed within an existing building at the Bison plant in Saint Charles, Illinois. The new equipment and resulting product does not change the general output of the plant nor will it require changes in existing plant licenses or permits.

This activity comprises actions to improve energy conservation by installing equipment to manufacture gears for industry use that are more energy efficient. Based on information provided by the State and recipient, this activity is consistent with categorical exclusion B5.1.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

## Note to Specialist :

According to the project officer, funding for this project is \$1,077,802. Unless there is a significant change in scope, a change in funding will not affect my determination.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 4/22/10

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

Field Office Manager review required

**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**