U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EECBG-EERE/RW

Project Title: Preparation of EECS

Location: New Jersey City of Perth Amboy

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

Perth Amboy contracted with the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, a unit of Rutgers, the State University, which is considered a state agency and therefore does not require a competitive bidding process. Perth Amboy will use $20,000.00 of the EECBG funds to compensate Rutgers for preparing the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS) as well as a comprehensive Energy Plan. Rutgers charges communities in New Jersey a sliding scale fee for this work. Communities having a population of 35,000 to 50,000 are charged $20,000. Communities having a population of 50,000 to 100,000 are charged $30,000. Communities having over one hundred thousand population are charged $40,000. The City falls within the 35 to 50 thousand population bracket, which allowed us to contract with Rutgers at a rate of $20,000 for its strategy and comprehensive energy plan. The $20,000 fee is specifically for the purpose of completing the EECS and Energy Plan, and the entire payment is solely for EECBG purposes.

We selected the sustainability experts from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, to ensure that our strategy conforms with New Jersey's

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A8 -Award of contracts for technical support/management and operation/personal services

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-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: 2010.04.26 16:20:22 -07'00' Date Determined: Apr 26, 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: 2010.04.29 10:38:48 -04'00'

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