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



RECIPIENT: TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

STATE: TX

PROJECT TITLE : TEXAS ROOF TOP SOLAR PROJECTS

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-EE0000116	EE0000116		GO0

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:

Texas has signed the SEP Template, assuring DOE that the projects under consideration fall within the prescribed categories. Texas has revised the Narrative Worksheets and the Environmental Questionnaire for Market Title Distributed Renewable Energy Efficiency Program with respect to the following 32 Roof Top Solar projects. By signing template, Texas provides assurance that all of the listed Projects fall within the bounded categories in Part I below and, moreover, are consistent with the limitations prescribed therein. To assist DOE in satisfying its NEPA obligations, Texas provides, as an attachment to this revised Narrative Worksheet, a completed Environmental Questionnaire.

Further, the State of Texas has provided project descriptions and an environmental checklist in support of the projects selected. The State has assured the Department that

1. None of the projects pose the potential to adversely impact a sensitive ecological resource.
2. All 32 awarded projects are at locations that are on previously disturbed publicly owned land.
3. The thirty-two (32) projects selected for award are to be installed on existing rooftops and parking shade structures.
4. Descriptions and scope of work and any NEPA documentation has been submitted to DOE for review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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You are required to:
NEPA determinations have been completed for 32 projects identified under a signed SEP template. The State has identified a total of \$31,383,473.66 for these 32 projects. The funds to be released corresponds to the total the State has identified and for which a NEPA determination has been made.

Note to Specialist :

The State of Texas has signed a SEP template and provided a list of 32 projects for consideration under the template. The total funds associated with these 32 projects is \$31,383,473.66.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/17/10

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: _____
Field Office Manager

Date: _____