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



RECIPIENT: Nebraska Energy Office

STATE: NE

**PROJECT TITLE :** Advanced Renewable Energy Projects (SEP) T

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FG-26-09EE00134	EE0000134	GFO-09-201-002	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:

The State of Nebraska has signed the SEP Template for the Advanced Renewable Energy Projects Market Title asserting adherence to the following provisions:

## 1. Funding energy efficiency retrofits, provided that:

- Projects Are Limited To: installation of insulation; installation of energy efficient lighting; HVAC upgrades; weather sealing; purchase and installation of ENERGY STAR appliances; replacement of windows and doors; high efficiency shower/faucet upgrades; and installation of solar powered appliances with improved efficiency.

## 2. Development, implementation, and installation of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources, provided that:

- Projects Are Limited To:
  - o Solar Electricity/Photovoltaic - appropriately sized system or unit on existing rooftops and parking shade structures; or a 60 KW system or smaller unit installed on the ground within the boundaries of an existing facility.
  - o Wind Turbine - 20 KW or smaller.
  - o Solar Thermal - system must be 20 KW or smaller.
  - o Solar Thermal Hot Water - appropriately sized for residences or small commercial buildings.
  - o Ground Source Heat Pump - 5.5 tons of capacity or smaller, horizontal/vertical, ground, closed-loop system.
  - o Combined Heat and Power System - boilers sized appropriately for the buildings in which they are located.
  - o Biomass Thermal - 3 MMBTUs per hour or smaller system with appropriate Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) installed and operated.

## 3. Development, implementation and installation of energy efficient or renewable energy-powered emergency systems (lighting, cooling, heat, shelter) installed in existing buildings and facilities.

## 4. Installation of alternative fueling pumps and systems (but not storage tanks) installed on existing facilities (other than a large biorefinery); purchase of alternative fuel vehicles.

## 5. Development and implementation of training programs.

## 6. Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services, and associated training and enforcement of such codes in order to support code compliance and promote building energy efficiency.



7. Implementing financial incentive programs such as rebates and energy savings performance contracts for existing facilities or for energy efficient equipment, provided that the incentives are not so large that they would be deemed to be grants that create projects that would not otherwise exist. (For example, giving a wind farm that cost \$100 million a sum of \$50 million and calling it a rebate would not fall within this Bounded Category).

Based on the signed Template from the State, I have determined that work the State has agreed to pursue can be classified as Categorical Exclusion A9 for Information Gathering, Categorical Exclusion A11 for Technical Advice and Planning Assistance, and B5.1 for Actions to Conserve Energy....

**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, the funding associated with this Market Title is \$5,000,000. Unless the State deviates from the terms and conditions within the Template that it signed, 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: 2/26/10

**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: \_\_\_\_\_