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



RECIPIENT: Wyoming Business Council, State Energy Office

STATE: WY

PROJECT TITLE : WYOMING ARRA SEP

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	DE-EE0000146	GFO-10-555	EE0

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.
- A1** Routine actions necessary to support the normal conduct of agency business, such as administrative, financial, and personnel actions.
- 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.

Rational for determination:

The State of Wyoming will use \$3,300,000 of their Recovery Act funds for grants made to public K-12 School Districts for the purpose of retrofitting existing facilities to improve energy efficiency. Districts may also use the funds to develop student and community education opportunities through renewable energy or other conservation related installations. Areas for which the school districts may use Recovery Act funds include:

Retrofits, such as:

1. Attic/ceiling insulation
2. Insulation of foundations
3. Replacement of existing lighting with energy efficient lighting
4. Insulation of HVAC ductwork and installation of more efficient HVAC systems
5. Replacement of boilers/furnaces to energy efficient models
6. Replacement of hot water heaters with on-demand water heaters.
7. Replacement of Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems

Retrofits and Renewable Demonstrations, such as:

1. Small wind installations 20 kW or smaller. The average installation will be between 2kW – 5kW.
2. Solar installations no greater than 60kW.

The program is projected to assist in financing 14 School Districts projects throughout the state.

Based on the information provided by the State, the energy efficient retrofits, updates to more efficient lighting systems, weatherization improvements, and installation of solar and wind systems are within the provisions of the SEP Template and reflect activities identified under Categorical Exclusion B5.1. Projects were also identified that addressed community outreach and demonstration programs and program administration and management. These activities are classified as Categorical Exclusion A1 and A9.

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:

Inform the DOE Project Officer and NEPA Compliance Officer should any grant awards fall outside the guidelines of the SEP Template. These projects will require a separate NEPA review.

Note to Specialist :

The State has identified project types for funding that fall within the SEP Template. The State is to inform the DOE Project Officer of any intent to fund a project or projects that fall outside of the Template provisions. Absent the selection of projects outside of the Template, 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: 8/4/10

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: _____