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



RECIPIENT: Kansas Corporation Commission

STATE: KS

**PROJECT TITLE :** DE-EE0000132 Take Charge Challenge

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000052			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:

- 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.
- 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 Kansas will provide \$180,000 Recovery Act funding to communities across the State in a competition to see which region can save the most energy through implementation of energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

The competition brings community residents together to save energy in their homes and businesses. At the end of the one-year competition, data will be gathered to determine which community saved the most energy in each region. The competitive nature of the program provides a unique incentive to community members to come together around the topic of energy efficiency and conservation.

Funds will mostly be used for paying salaries to oversee the program by a third-party contractor. Some funds will be used for purchase of items such as flyers, compact fluorescent light bulbs, powerstrips, and promotional items such as magnets. Funds may also be used to purchase food for community events at which technical information about energy efficiency, including information about Efficiency Kansas and other energy-efficiency programs, will be provided, as well as food for leadership team lunches during which technical information about energy efficiency and specific energy-efficiency programs will be discussed and distributed. Funds may also be used for rebates for certain energy-efficiency appliances and improvements.

In view of the information provided by the State, DOE has determined that the work outlined is consistent with activities identified in Categorical Exclusion A9, A11, and B5.1.

**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 of any Recovery Act funds used to support projects activities outside of those listed above.

inform the DOE project officer and NEPA compliance officer of any Recovery Act funds used to support rebates that are not specifically identified in 10 CFR, Part 1021, Appendix B action 5.1.

Note to Specialist :

According to the project officer, funding for this project is \$180,000. Absent a significant change in the scope of this effort, 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: 8/30/10

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