

PMC-EF2a

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



RECIPIENT: Fayette County Pennsylvania

STATE: PA

PROJECT TITLE : Competitive EECBG Awards

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000148	DE-EE0003814		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:

- 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.
- 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:

Fayette County, PA will use DOE funding under the Competitive EECBG Grant Award for activities that are bounded in compliance with the uploaded and signed NEPA Statement of Work (SOW) template. Aspects of this project include financial incentives, marketing and outreach, training and educational opportunities.

The description of project activities is described below as submitted in the EF-1:

Funding for the project will support an energy efficiency and awareness outreach/marketing campaign, a series of residential and non-residential energy audits (which includes assistance in the identification and handoff to qualified implementation subcontractors) as well as project management, assessment and reporting efforts over the three year life of the project.

Awareness and marketing includes the development and distribution of print materials, a website (which will include energy efficiency related tools and videos), email communications, public workshops, social media, press releases and public service media campaigns.

The audits will be conducted by certified energy assessors and will include specialized pre-assessment forms to assist in tracking the impact of the project. Energy audits will include evaluation and recommendations related both to relevant energy systems, as well as behavioral modifications that may assist in energy efficiency and conservation efforts.

Project management, assessment and reporting efforts will be undertaken to ensure the satisfaction of project objectives and identify best practices. Reporting will be done in accordance with the Federal Reporting Assistance Checklist following the instructions provided therein.

These projects as described above comprise administrative, financial and personnel actions, education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy; therefore they are categorized under CX A1, A9, A11, and B5.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Roy Spears Date: 7/20/2010
NEPA Compliance Officer

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: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager