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



RECIPIENT: Meridian Institute

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : Council on Sustainable Biomass Production (CSBP)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
	DE-FG36-08GO18127	GFO-09-024-001	GO18127

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.

## Rational for determination:

The Council on Sustainable Biomass Production proposes to use federal funds to continue their multi-year CDP efforts by developing a voluntary biomass sustainability standard and third party certification program for the conversion of biomass to fuel.

This project will include developing a draft standard for production of biomass for bioenergy uses, conducting an outreach program to gather prospective biomass producers, engage experts for the review of the draft standard, establishing mechanisms for continual data collection, establish protocols for evaluation and recognition of other standards that apply to biomass production, evaluation of relevant standards and negotiate mutual recognition for certification organizations, design a balanced and effective multi-stakeholder governance structure, design a comprehensive certification program, and develop strategy to secure broad participation.

This project will consist of information gathering, dissemination, and outreach activities; therefore a CX A9 will apply.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Eugene Brown 9/15/2010

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Kristin Kerwin  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 9/15/2010

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**