U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: Green Building Incentive Program

Location: Arizona City of Maricopa

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

This program is designed to incentivize future commercial projects to be built to the rating standard of the USGBC (United States Green Building Council) LEED (Leadership, Energy, and Environmental Design) program. A rating checklist that conducts a third party verification on environmentally sustainable construction of sustainable elements. propose incentives includes signage increase, recognition and city advertisement, expedited review time, fee reimbursement, and density bonus.

Commercial Projects will earn incentives based on achievement levels from LEED of certified, silver, gold and platinum. The LEED rating system was chosen as it is an established framework which many commercial developers are already familiar as it addresses the goal of providing an integrated approach for reviewing the impact of a project on the environment.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene J. Lawrence

Date Determined: Sep 8, 2010

Comments:

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