



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:
Innovation Ecosystem Development Initiative

Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA-0000356

Applicant (Legal Name) University of Central Florida

Location: Orlando, FL

Project Title MegaWatt Ventures

Proposed Action or Project Description

The University of Central Florida is dedicated to creating innovative programs that accelerate the commercialization of energy-related technologies developed within universities and national laboratories. The over-riding objective of the proposed Mega Watt Ventures Program is to connect promising research in energy efficiency with experienced entrepreneurs, etc. The scope of work includes the planning and implementation of three annual Mega Watt Ventures events. The first two years will be a pilot program focusing mainly on Florida universities. Year three will expand the program to include a network of universities located in the southeastern U.S. Tasks to be performed Phase I include: 1) project management and planning for technology transfer processes, 2) formation and planning of Mega Watt Ventures Board of Directors, 3) event management for first two Mega Watt Ventures events, 4) develop marketing plan for Mega Watt Ventures, 5) execute competition logistics, 6) execute post-event logistics. Tasks to be performed for Phase II include: 7) project management and planning for technology transfer processes, 8) expansion of Mega Watt Ventures Board of Directors, 9) event management for expansion to southeastern region, and 10) establish sustainable financial base to implement Mega Watt Ventures in perpetuity as a southeastern "regional qualifier" for NREL's Industry Growth Forum.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10.21

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.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

Gary S. Hartman

Date Determined:

9/9/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: