



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) Clean Energy Trust

Location: Chicago, IL

Project Title Illinois Cleantech Ecosystem Consortium (ICE)

Proposed Action or Project Description

The Illinois Cleantech Ecosystem Consortium, a non-profit organization established for the purpose of accelerating the growth of a clean energy economy in the state of Illinois and the broader Midwest, proposes to perform the following tasks: 1) Project Management and Planning: refine a work plan and goals and establish a budget for the project; 2) Project Controls: perform accounting, auditing, and reporting of project; 3) Ecosystem Management: establish a steering committee to govern the major strategic issues and provide executive oversight—an executive director and staff will provide leadership to the Consortium, and processes and procedures will be established to integrate and support new members; 4) Ecosystem Development: develop online information clearing house, education tools, and social media to support regional cleantech community, recruit new research and foundation members, etc., develop communications and outreach strategy, and include new member institutions across the broader Midwest region; 5) Programming Development: recruit participants, judges, host events, and make awards; secure the venue for a Clean Energy Boot Camp including license Kauffman content platform, recruit participants and technical advisory board, develop schedule, market to university institutions, and host the event; recruit appropriate personnel to conduct business service engagements for commercialization projects; create technical roadmap with academia, entrepreneurs, corporations, and investors; monitor publications and news articles; monitor fundraising announcements, create online forum for ecosystem; and 6) Ecosystem Sustainability: improve the program by integration and feedback loop and create new programming like matching grants, develop online innovation marketplace to match “buyers” and “sellers” clean energy technology solutions.

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:

9/8/2010

Comments:

Webmaster:

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