U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: Performance Contracting Energy Audits/Retrofitting City Buildings

Location: Colorado City of Littleton

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

Activity #3 and #6 Home Energy Audits for Residential and Commercial:
In partnership with the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), Xcel Energy and the EECDBG funds, the city will coordinate energy audits for 305 residences. The GEO will be available for assistance and provide marketing, outreach to residents, and administration. The city has many tools to communicate the program to residents.

The city will create a community recognition program that encourages and supports businesses in their energy and resource saving efforts, further increasing the likelihood of success. The city may consider an education and outreach only program ($3,000-$5,000) or include the cost of the energy audit ($1,000-$4,000 per building). Premium programs will include incentives to business owners to implement EE and RE measures.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B1.2 Training exercises and simulation

X - B1.4 Installation/modification of air conditioning systems for existing equipment

X - B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components

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: Nov 2, 2010

Comments: Webmaster: Lawrence Wiggins Digitally signed by Lawrence Wiggins DN: cn=Lawrence Wiggins, o=EES, ou, email=Lawrence.Wiggins@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.11.04 16:35:23 -04'00'

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