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



RECIPIENT: Westmoreland County

STATE: PA

PROJECT TITLE : EECBG - Westmoreland County (PA): Preliminary Engineering Study for Solar Farm -- ARRA - EECBG

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	EE0000940	GFO-0000940-002	0

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.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

Westmoreland County is proposing to use EECBG funds to procure the services of an energy consulting firm to conduct a preliminary engineering study for installing a solar farm in Westmoreland County. Federal funds would not be used to construct a solar farm. The preliminary engineering study's scope of work would include reviewing the physical characteristics of the proposed site to determine feasibility of a solar farm (estimated 2 megawatts), including but not limited to site orientation, topography and available acreage, required site preparation work and possible site limitations. Additionally, the study would analyze the amount of energy currently consumed at the three County-owned facilities located on site (prison, juvenile detention and assisted living facilities) to determine the amount of energy required to remove the facilities from the electrical grid. Lastly, the scope of services would include drafting a Request For Proposal (RFP) to procure proposals for construction of a solar farm. The RFP would only be drafted if the study concluded that the site was adequate for a solar energy project.

The proposed project is consistent with activities outlined in A9 "information gathering" and A11 "technical advice"; therefore it is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

EF2a completed by Logan Sholar

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:


NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

11/24/10

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