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



RECIPIENT: Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR)

STATE: HI

PROJECT TITLE : Hawaii Renewable Energy Development Venture (HREDV)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
	DE-FG36-08GO88146	GFO-GO88146-003	GO88146

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:

DOE is proposing to continue to provide funding to the Hawaii Renewable Energy Development Venture. A previous NEPA determination (GFO-08-143-001) addressed the prior year funding activities. This NEPA determination applies to Task 1, Task 3 and Task 4 of the current statement of project objectives only.

Task 2 activities have not been defined at this time and will require additional NEPA review prior to authorizing the expenditure of federal or cost share funds. Under Task 2, the recipient proposes to select subprojects. Each subproject selected by the recipient shall submit an EF-1 and required documentation to DOE for individual NEPA review.

Tasks 1, 3, and 4 consist of information gathering, data analysis, document preparation, and feasibility studies. CX A9 and A11 apply.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

**You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.**

Prohibited actions include:

**Task 2.0 is prohibited at this time. Each subproject selected by the recipient is subject to additional NEPA review prior to DOE authorizing the expenditure of federal or cost share funds.**

This restriction does not preclude you from:

**Tasks 1, 3, and 4 as described in the current SOPO.**

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

Eugene Brown 3/10/2011

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: *Eugene Brown*  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 3/10/2011

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

Field Office Manager review required

**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_