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



RECIPIENT: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

STATE: MA

PROJECT  
TITLE : MIT Clean Energy Prize

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0000442	GFO-0000442-001	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.

## Rational for determination:

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is proposing to use federal funding to supplement MIT's Clean Energy Prize fund. DOE funds would be used exclusively as award money for winning competitors to support new ventures in the field of clean technology.

MIT would run a prize competition. The competition would provide teams with professional networks, a mentorship program, education services, and media exposure to selected prize winners. DOE would have no involvement in any projects resulting from the prize competition.

This project comprises information gathering and dissemination, document preparation, publications, and informational programs. The proposed project is consistent with actions outlined in A9 (information gathering) and is, therefore, 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 :

Cristina Tyler 3.30.2011

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NEPA Compliance Officer

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

3/30/2011

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION** Field Office Manager review required