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

**RECIPIENT:** Nevada Institute for Renewable Energy Commercialization**STATE:** NV

**PROJECT TITLE :** Renewable Energy Research and Development: Entrepreneur-In-Residence Education Program (John Argo)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
	DE-FG36-08GO88161	GFO-GO88161-016	GO88161

**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, analysis, and dissemination**

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

**A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations**

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

**Rational for determination:**

The Department of Energy has provided funds to the Nevada Institute for Renewable Energy Commercialization (NIREC) to conduct an RFP for renewable energy projects, provide grant funding for commercialization of the selected projects, and support the grantees through the process of acquiring private funding to further the technology. NIREC is now proposing to provide funding to an Entrepreneur-In-Residence Education Program to educate researchers on the concept of pre-commercialization roadmaps and the commercialization process.

A training program will be developed and provided to researchers at several partner institutions. Deliverables include written reports, spreadsheets, interviews, and outreach to select industry partners.

DOE has determined that this NIREC Entrepreneur-In-Residence Education program sub-award comprises information gathering, document preparation, and information dissemination, and technical advice and planning assistance to organizations. CX A9 and A11 apply.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Cristina Tyler 1.19.2012

DOE Funding: \$29,865  
Cost Share: \$29,865  
Total Project Costs: \$59,730

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

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

*Kynda Lee*  
NEPA Compliance Officer

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

*1/19/2012*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_