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



RECIPIENT:Hudson Valley Community College; sub:Southern Maine Community College

STATE: MA

PROJECT TITLE : Northeast Photovoltaic Regional Training Provider

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0002087	GFO-0002087-004	GO2087

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:

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations

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

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.)

B5.16 Solar photovoltaic systems

The installation, modification, operation, and removal of commercially available solar photovoltaic systems located on a building or other structure (such as rooftop, parking lot or facility, and mounted to signage, lighting, gates, or fences), or if located on land, generally comprising less than 10 acres within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Rational for determination:

This NEPA determination applies to an additional location for a mock roof installation associated with Hudson Valley Community College Northeast Photovoltaic Regional Training Provider project (GFO-10-237; CX A9, A11 and B5.1; signed 3.4.2010) applied to Phase 1. This additional location is also part of Phase 1.

Hudson Valley Community College's sub-recipient Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) proposes to use federal funding to purchase solar photovoltaic (PV) equipment, tools and balance of system for the "Train the Trainer" program. The proposed project would be conducted at SMCC's campus (2 Fort Road, South Portland, Maine 04106) located 500 feet west of Simonton Cove.

SMCC's educational program would allow students to assemble mock solar PV systems (8 feet X 8 feet) installations for training purposes. Installations are dismantled the same day they are installed. Project activities would also include curriculum development and outreach activities.

Based on this information, DOE has determined the work outlined is consistent with activities identified in categorical exclusion A9 (information gathering, analysis and dissemination), A11 (technical advice and assistance to organizations) and B3.14 (small-scale educational facilities).

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: \$40,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 1/27/2012

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: _____