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



(2.04.02)

RECIPIENT: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

STATE: AK

PROJECT TITLE : SEP Formula

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	DE-EE0004057	GFO-0004057-001	EE4057

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.)

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided \$220,000 of federal funding to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. AHFC will match the federal funding with \$44,051 in state funds. Additionally, AHFC will carry over \$18,500 in federal appropriations and \$3,649 of state appropriations, for a total of \$286,200.

AHFC proposes to fund the following Market Titles:
Administrative:

Under this Market Title, AHFC would plan, monitor, and evaluation State Energy Program activities. This Market Title includes funding for salaries, fringe benefits, supplies and travel for training and monitoring.

Alaska Energy Authority:

Under this Market Title, AHFC would provide funding up to the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). AEA would focus on activities that would promote the goals of the State of Alaska' Alaska Energy Pathway, Climate Change Strategy and other legislative policy. Funding would be used for AEA personnel and travel to support public outreach efforts, public education, technical assistance, and planning activities to assist businesses and communities meet the State's energy use goals. AEA would provide an annual energy data report in the form of the Alaska Energy Statistics report to AHFC.

Energy Efficiency Education:

Under this Market Title, AHFC would provide funding to support an existing "Speaker's Bureau", which allows non-profit organizations access to speakers to present on energy efficiency and renewable resources issues in Alaska.

Public Facility Retrofit Process:

Under this Market Title, AHFC would develop a Public Facility Commissioning Program and a Public Facility Retrofit User Guide. This guide would provide information to facility owners on the benefits of commissioning, gathering of existing energy use data, the standard processes, procurement and selection of commissioning agents, quality control, building monitoring processes to track future energy use, and training of operators. Energy usage monitors may be installed in buildings under this Market Title.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the

projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact the human environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering" and CX A11 "technical advice."

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding: \$220,000
EF2a prepared by Melissa Rossiter

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 6/6/2012
NEPA Compliance Officer

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: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager