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



RECIPIENT: NH Office of Energy and Planning

STATE: NH

**PROJECT TITLE :** Formula Grant for State Energy Program - NH

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE FOA 0000643	DE-FG26-06R130472	GFO-0130472-001	

**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:

<b>A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations</b>	Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.
<b>A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination</b>	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 \$254,000 of federal funding to the State of New Hampshire under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. New Hampshire will match the federal funding with \$154,065 in state funds. Additionally, New Hampshire will carry over \$163,770 in federal appropriations, for a total of \$571,835.

New Hampshire proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

**Building Improvements:**

Under this Market Title, the funding would be utilized to provide administrative oversight of a third-party administered ARRA revolving loan fund. It also includes tracking energy data from the projects funded through the loan program, and technical assistance training to state agencies to develop required energy conservation plans. New Hampshire would also issue an RFP for the Energy Code Compliance Roadmap.

**Energy Education:**

Under this Market Title, New Hampshire would provide energy education services to municipalities, State employees and agencies, business and residential markets through conferences, trainings and the New Hampshire energy information website.

**NH Electric Power and Renewable Energy Program:**

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to meet State goals of meeting the Renewable Portfolio Standard, serving on the Site Evaluation Committee to ensure proper siting for fossil fuel and renewable energy projects, and support renewable energy and energy storage related business activities in the state.

**NH Energy Policy, Planning and Security:**

Under this Market Title, New Hampshire would provide direct assistance to citizens and businesses to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy. The program would focus on five key areas: Technical assistance, strategic planning, legislative support, program support and energy security.

**Transportation Program:**

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to increase awareness of alternatives fuels with fleet managers from state, municipal, educational and private fleets. This would also include enhancing the Granite State Clean Cities Collaborative through building relationships with fleet managers and strengthening connections with industry vendors and consultants.

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 :

Diana Scott 6.25.2012

DOE Funds: \$254,000  
Leveraged Funds: \$317,835  
Total Project Cost: \$571,835

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 6/25/2012  
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