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



RECIPIENT: Michigan Energy Office

STATE: MI

PROJECT TITLE : Advanced Battery Concepts

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number
DE-FOA-0000052

Procurement Instrument Number
DE-EE0000166

NEPA Control Number
GFO-0000166-052

CID Number

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:

B1.31 Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment Installation or relocation and operation of machinery and equipment (including, but not limited to, laboratory equipment, electronic hardware, manufacturing machinery, maintenance equipment, and health and safety equipment), provided that uses of the installed or relocated items are consistent with the general missions of the receiving structure. Covered actions include modifications to an existing building, within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area, that are necessary for equipment installation and relocation. Such modifications would not appreciably increase the footprint or height of the existing building or have the potential to cause significant changes to the type and magnitude of environmental impacts.

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy or water (a) Actions to conserve energy or water, demonstrate potential energy or water conservation, and promote energy efficiency that would not have the potential to cause significant changes in the indoor or outdoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, manufacturers, and designers), organizations (such as utilities), and governments (such as state, local, and tribal). Covered actions include, but are not limited to weatherization (such as insulation and replacing windows and doors); programmed lowering of thermostat settings; placement of timers on hot water heaters; installation or replacement of energy efficient lighting, low-flow plumbing fixtures (such as faucets, toilets, and showerheads), heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, and appliances; installation of drip-irrigation systems; improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings; efficiency improvements for vehicles and transportation (such as fleet changeout); power storage (such as flywheels and batteries, generally less than 10 megawatt equivalent); transportation management systems (such as traffic signal control systems, car navigation, speed cameras, and automatic plate number recognition); development of energy-efficient manufacturing, industrial, or building practices; and small-scale energy efficiency and conservation research and development and small-scale pilot projects. Covered actions include building renovations or new structures, provided that they occur in a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions could involve commercial, residential, agricultural, academic, institutional, or industrial sectors. Covered actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation, except for those actions listed in B5.1(b) of this appendix. (b) Covered actions include rulemakings that establish energy conservation standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, provided that the actions would not: (1) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure (such as construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance); (2) involve significant unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (such as rare or limited raw materials); (3) have the potential to result in a significant increase in the disposal of materials posing significant risks to human health and the environment (such as RCRA hazardous wastes); or (4) have the potential to cause a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided funding to the Michigan Energy Office (MEO) under the DOE's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) State Energy Program (SEP). MEO proposes to provide DOE SEP ARRA funding to Advanced Battery Concepts (ABC) through MEO's DOE ARRA funded revolving loan fund. Funding would be used to purchase and install equipment to manufacture components for ABC's GreenSeal Bi-polar lead-acid batteries. The new equipment would enhance ABC's existing manufacturing capabilities. The GreenSeal Bi-polar batteries achieve greater energy, greater power, and longer life than traditional batteries.

ABC would purchase and install an automated electrode assembly line, automatic grit blasting equipment and an automated injection molding system at their existing manufacturing facility located at 720 Industrial Drive, Clare, Michigan, 48617. ABC's manufacturing facility is less than 50 years old, located in an industrial center, and has all applicable operating permits.

The proposed equipment installation activities would be occur within an existing structure, would not involve ground disturbance, would not disturb asbestos and would not affect threatened and endangered species, wetlands,

floodplains, or cultural resources. The additional manufacturing equipment would lead to an incremental increase in production capabilities, but would not adversely impacted traffic to and from the facility.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed equipment purchase and installation activities at an existing manufacturing facility would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed activities are consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions B1.31 "installation or relocation of machinery and equipment," and B5.1 "actions to conserve energy or water," and are 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:

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.

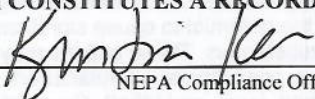
Note to Specialist :

Obadiah Broughton 1/9/2013

DOE Funding: \$350,000
Total Project Cost: \$430,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____



NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

1/14/2013

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: _____