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


**RECIPIENT:**Columbia River Economic Development Council

**STATE:** WA

**PROJECT TITLE :** INNOVATIONS IN ADVANCED MATERIALS AND METALS (IAM2)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
JAC2012AM	DE-EE0006024	GFO-0006024-001	GO6024

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 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) to identify and fund a Shared Energy Project Manager (EPM) position that would provide technical advice and project management assistance to small or medium-sized metals and advanced materials manufacturing companies in the greater Pacific Northwest Portland-Vancouver region. The EPM position would be funded over three Budget Periods.

This DOE project is part of a multi-agency Federal Funding Opportunity partnership titled the Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (Advanced Manufacturing Jobs Accelerator). This NEPA Determination applies only to the tasks identified in the DOE award.

Once identified and funded the EPM would coordinate outreach activities to identify and engage five regional small or medium-sized metals and advanced materials manufacturing companies to assist under this proposed project. The EPM would work with the selected companies and coordinate with various regional utility partners, leveraging existing utility programs, in the development and implementation of a comprehensive company energy management program. The EPM would coordinate facility and process energy assessments, as well as provide energy efficiency project implementation assistance in the form of project management and technical advice. Project funding would not be used for industrial energy efficiency installation activities and/or research and development activities, as the EPM position would only provide technical advice, outreach and project management expertise.

Funding would also be used by CREDC to develop and produce a comprehensive case study to capture the findings and results of the DOE funded project.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the technical advice, outreach and project management activities would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with the actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and A11 "technical advice and assistance," and is 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:

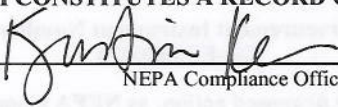
If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing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

Note to Specialist :

Obadiah Broughton 1/15/2013

DOE funding: \$450,000

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 1/15/2013  
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