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



RECIPIENT: Optony, Inc.

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE : Sustainable Energy for Business Districts (SEBiz) in China

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
FOA0000620	DE-EE0006097	GFO-0006097-001	EE6097

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 is proposing to provide federal funding to Optony, Inc. Optony would deploy the Sustainable Energy for Business Districts (SEBiz) model to address China's surging urban energy needs and greenhouse gas emissions via a district-level energy efficiency and renewable energy (EERE) and smart grid technology deployment strategy to inform project implementation and public policy development. The SEBiz program would use a holistic approach to EERE market transformation by testing and incorporating successful policies, programs and tools at the local, provincial and national levels, in three Business Districts (BDs) in China that represent small, medium and large-sized commercial zones.

Tasks to be performed as part of the project include: establishing a sustainable energy business district model in China; creating a commercial building inventory and energy benchmarking, identifying and pursuing collaborative EERE project opportunities; policy and program analysis, recommendations, and dissemination; and measurement, reporting, and management.

All tasks and subtasks within the project involve "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and "technical advice and assistance to organizations". Based on review of the project information, DOE has determined that project 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 and A11, 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 :

Casey Strickland 2/13/2013

DOE Share: \$375,000

Cost Share: \$130,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/14/2013

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: _____