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

**RECIPIENT:**Council on Competitiveness**STATE:** DC**PROJECT TITLE :** American Energy & Manufacturing Competitiveness Study

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DNFA	DE-EE0006099.001	GFO-0006099-002	GO6099

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 Council on Competitiveness (the Council). This project was previously approved by GFO-0006099-001 on November 14, 2012. Subsequent to that determination, the Council completed their project activities and based on that study, as well as several different initiatives that the Council is involved in, the Council proposes to launch a new partnership: the American Energy & Manufacturing Competitiveness (AEMC) Partnership. Because of this addition of scope to the project, another NEPA determination is needed.

This partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) aims to enhance U.S. manufacturing competitiveness of clean energy products, energy efficiency products, and advanced manufacturing products by:

- Engaging distinctive stakeholder networks in the subject discourse;
- Carrying out a series of progressive dialogues and summits to explore specific issues under a broader umbrella of manufacturing competitiveness;
- Defining specific key barriers, challenges and problems in the U.S. manufacturing competitiveness levels;
- Generating possible policies, solutions, and models to create opportunities for the U.S. public and private sectors to work together;
- Evaluating at least 3 models for scalable, public-private partnership pilot project generated by AEMC;
- Generating a detailed proposal of one or more public-private partnerships based on the policies and models evaluated that can be carried out by EERE and/or the Council to increase the competitive production of clean energy products, energy efficiency products, and advanced manufacturing products in the United States; and
- Continuing to document findings on the subject area.

Based on review of the project information, DOE has determined the 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 actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "information gathering, analysis and dissemination" and A11 "technical advice and assistance to organizations" and therefore 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:

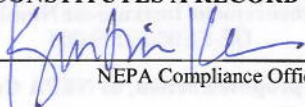
If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing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

Note to Specialist :

Casey Strickland 2/11/2013

DOE Share: \$1,449,094

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 2/11/2013  
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