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



RECIPIENT: Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation

STATE: PA

PROJECT TITLE : Pittsburgh Green Innovators Synergy Center

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0001217	GFO-0001217-001	GO1217

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.)
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Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation (PGC) for completed energy efficiency design and engineering activities associated with a proposed energy efficient renovation, rehabilitation and retrofit of the former Clifford B. Connelly Trade School building in the City of Pittsburgh. The renovated building would house PGC's Energy Innovation Center. The design and engineering documents, which incorporate various energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, have been completed. Activities included completion of bid-ready design and engineering documents including full construction drawings and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification application documents.

The former Clifford B. Connelly Trade School building, constructed in 1930, is located in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 1501 Bedford Avenue and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. PGC worked with the Historic Preservation Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (SHPO) and the National Park Service (NPS) to ensure plans and specifications of the proposed renovation comply with the requirements, guidelines, and recommendations of the SHPO and NPS and are consistent with the historic character of the building and meet the Standards for Rehabilitation established by the Secretary of the Interior as set forth at 36 C.F.R. 67.7. On 2/15/2012, PGC received a conditional determination from the NPS, and concurrence from the SHPO, pursuant to Part 2 of the Historic Preservation Certification Application process, that the proposed renovation is consistent with the historic character of the building and the requirements of 36 C.F.R. 67.7.

Funding associated with this project would not be used to perform renovation, rehabilitation and/or retrofit related installation or construction activities. Use of any federal or cost share funding associated with this award for any renovation, rehabilitation and/or retrofit related installation or construction activities is prohibited. If PGC were to seek additional federal funding for renovation, rehabilitation and/or retrofit activities, additional DOE NEPA review would be required prior to the authorization of the additional federal funds.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined that the completion of energy efficiency design and engineering activities for a proposed energy efficient renovation, rehabilitation and retrofit project did not significantly individual or cumulatively impact human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, analysis and dissemination," 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 2/26/2013

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 2/28/2013
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