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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



**RECIPIENT:** California Center for Sustainable Energy

**STATE:** CA

**PROJECT TITLE :** Golden State Solar Impact

**Funding Opportunity Announcement Number**  
DE-FOA-0000788

**Procurement Instrument Number**  
DE-EE0006312

**NEPA Control Number** **CID Number**  
GFO-0006312-001

**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.

**Rationale for determination:**

The California Center for Sustainable Energy as part of its Golden State Solar Impact project would use DOE and cost share funding, as part of the Rooftop Solar Challenge II Cooperative Agreement, to leverage the knowledge, experience and relationships developed by California participants in Phase I Rooftop Solar Challenge to eliminate market barriers and reduce the soft costs related to the deployment of solar energy at the local government level.

All project activities involve only outreach, education, data analysis, and technical assistance and do not involve the actual installation of any solar arrays.

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 that these activities are consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and A11 "Technical advice and assistance to organizations," 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 08/13/2013

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Kristin Kerwin

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8/15/2013