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



RECIPIENT: Forest County Potawatomi Community

STATE: WI

PROJECT TITLE : Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000852	DE-EE0006473	GFO-0006473-001	

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.)
B5.16 Solar photovoltaic systems	The installation, modification, operation, and removal of commercially available solar photovoltaic systems located on a building or other structure (such as rooftop, parking lot or facility, and mounted to signage, lighting, gates, or fences), or if located on land, generally comprising less than 10 acres within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Rationale for determination:

The Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC or the Tribe) would utilize DOE and cost share funding to install and operate approximately 875 kW of solar photovoltaic systems at 10 tribal facilities in Milwaukee and Forest Counties in the State of Wisconsin. The individual installations are expected to range in size from 11kW to 545kW. Project activities include design work, bid and agreement preparation, reporting, etc.

All installations would occur at Tribally-owned buildings and sites with seven of the ten systems being roof mounted. The locations shown in the facilities list uploaded into the PMC (Updated Facilities and Sizing List and Calculations (00354196xB15CF).pdf) as Emergency Management/Family Resource, Natural Resources Building/Garage, and Air Monitoring Site are expected to have ground mounted systems installed on approximately one third of acre total for all three systems within previously disturbed areas adjacent to each building. Nine of the ten installations would occur on lands held in trust by the United States for FCPC. Because this project is being completed by the Tribe for the Tribe's benefit, it is not expected that any federal approvals from the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be required. None of the proposed locations are eligible or listed as historic, are within a historic district, or are viewable from within a historic district. There are no resources of concern associated with the proposed project activities.

Based on review of the project information, DOE has determined that the 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 B5.16 "Solar photovoltaic systems," 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 :

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Casey Strickland 06/16/2014

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 6/10/2014

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: _____