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



RECIPIENT: [NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.](#)

STATE: [NM](#)

PROJECT TITLE: [Sustainable Education for Advanced Buildings](#)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0002196	DE-EE0009739	GFO-0009739-001	GO9739

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), 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.)

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to expand building energy code training opportunities at higher education institutes (HEIs) throughout New Mexico. Four higher education institutes (HEIs) would implement the creation and development of curriculum modules that incorporate building energy codes into existing and new in-person and virtual college courses and would develop new professional credentials, with provisions for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or Continuing Education Credits (CECs), Certificates of Achievement, and/or Certificates of Completion related to building energy code training.

Proposed project activities would include development of online training tools and classroom-based curriculums, stakeholder engagement, and development and implementation of the training program. The EMNRD would coordinate all project activities and lead administrative functions associated with the project. The HEIs would develop and implement the training curriculum. No physical modifications to existing facilities, ground disturbance, or changes to the use, mission, or operation of existing facilities would be required.

The proposed project would consist solely of intellectual, academic, and/or analytical activities. All project activities would be conducted from existing offices or computational facilities and use no materials beyond basic office supplies, software, and computer hardware.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

[This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision](#)
[Building Technologies Office](#)
[Review completed by Jonathan Hogue 09.15.2021](#)

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous

substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

 Electronically Signed By: **Casey Strickland**
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 9/15/2021

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

- Field Office Manager review not required
- Field Office Manager review required

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____
Field Office Manager

Date: _____